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'He passed away but 7 would live'

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REPORTER

He passed away but seven others would have another chance to live."

That's how family members and others in the community described former U.S. Army Specialist Robert Jason Santos Deleon Guerrero, who donated seven of his organs—including his heart, liver, and pancreas—to those who needed them as his last act of kindness, selflessness, and service above self.



Deleon Guerrero

He passed away in Nashville, Tennessee on Tuesday, his uncles, Juan "Pan" Guerrero and Herman "Pan" Guerrero, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Deleon Guerrero received an Afghanistan campaign medal with two campaign stars.

He was "honorably discharged from the Army in May of this year," said Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) yesterday, adding that, "Robert Jason was a soldier who served his country."

Juan "Pan" Guerrero said he is proud of his nephew for donating his heart, liver, and pancreas, among seven organs, to persons needing them.

"He's helped seven people. He's a very kind person, won-

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Moody's says no rating downgrade for CNMI bonds

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Moody's Investors Service did not downgrade the CNMI's B2 rating for its Series 2003A General Obligation Bonds involving \$1.7 million in rated bonds outstanding—welcome news for the CNMI government that is faced with troubled pension and health systems, high utility costs, and the threat of a partial government shutdown.

Moody's removed from review and "confirmed" the B2 rating on this general

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**THREE DAYS BEFORE DEADLINE
Over 1,500 jobless during govt shutdown'**

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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that "over 1,500 employees" will be temporarily out of jobs starting Monday when the government partially shuts down if no fiscal year 2013 budget is in place

by Sunday, even as a joint budget panel has yet to finalize a \$114 million spending bill as of last night.

Inos, who turned 63 yesterday, said part of his birthday wish is the passage of a balanced budget and prevention of a shutdown, along with an improved economy, a reformed pension agency, a

better healthcare system, and manageable utility rates.

As acting governor last year, Inos signed the fiscal year 2012 budget bill on his birthday, Sept. 26.

Yesterday, there was not even a budget bill that the full House and Senate

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BIRTHDAY AND PROCLAMATIONS

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, seated second from left, cheers after the crowd sings him a "Happy Birthday" song in the governor's conference room yesterday morning. Inos, who turned 63 yesterday, signed six proclamations including CNMI Humanities Month, National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and three others related to energy.

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VISITING TRUSTEES
Region 15 acting U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee Tiffany Carroll and Assistant Trustee for the Hawaii District Curtis Ching attend the CNMI Bar Association's meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday. Carroll and Ching gave Bar members an overview of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 consumer bankruptcy laws.

BOR fails to reinstate two to NMC Foundation board

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Members of the Northern Manas College Board of Regents were split on the idea of rescinding the school's charter.

ing their earlier decision to remove two of their regents from the NMC Foundation board of directors

A motion to reinstate chair Juan T. Lizama and regent Frank Rabauliman to the Foundation board was defeated yes

terday after garnering a 3-3 tie vote from the six-member body. The motion was made by regent Malua Peter and was supported by Lizama and vice chair Elaine Orilla.

The other three—Rabauli

man, Andrew Orsini, and William Torres—opposed the motion, standing by their decision earlier this year to permanently bar regents from becoming Foundation board members.

Based on board policy, if a motion receives a split votes (3-3), any prior decision adopted by the board on a particular issue will stand as it is and is not defeated. The seven-member Board of Regents has one vacant seat.

Lizama, after yesterday's meeting, expressed disappointment with the action of his colleagues. He believes the decision may jeopardize the Foundation because the board

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Medicare ends CHC visit, holds exit conference

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The visiting team from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services concluded its inspection of the public hospital with an exit conference with Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta and hospital administrator Karen Buettner.

Corporation board chair Joaquin Torres said the exit conference took place Tuesday at the Commonwealth Health Center.

An exit conference is a normal process where general observations and assessments noted by the visiting team are relayed to the provider. This is where deficiencies, progress, as well as recommended actions are discussed to maintain the facility's accreditation with the federal agency.

Ex-CAFD president charged with embezzling group's \$5K

The U.S. government charged yesterday a former president of the CNMI Association of Families with Disabilities with embezzling \$5,000 of the group's funds.

Elisa Borja Ada, also known as Elisa Ada Aldan and Lisa A. Aldan, was charged in the U.S. District Court for the NMI with one count of embezzlement from a program receiving federal funds.

According to the information, Ada, as then CAFD president, committed the crime beginning in 2007 and continuing through September 2008.

CAFD was a local government agency receiving benefits in excess of \$10,000 in 2007 and 2008 under federal grants awarded by the U.S. Adminis-

Torres disclosed that the overall CHC status is still in "immediate jeopardy," which means the hospital's noncompliance with some Medicare requirements is "likely to cause serious injury, harm, impairment or death."

This requires CHC to submit a comprehensive action plan or corrective measures within 23 days or its accreditation will be terminated, resulting in the potential loss of millions of dollars in Medicare funds.

The public hospital receives from \$8 million to \$10 million in Medicare reimbursements every year.

The "immediate jeopardy" status will only be lifted or changed once Medicare officially accepts CHC's comprehensive action plan and usually takes time after the 23-day grace period.

Medicare slapped CHC with the immediate jeopardy status soon after it was discovered that the hospital has no functioning defibrillators. More deficiencies were found later in the course of the team's inspection.

Torres said the corporation is now in the process of procuring four new defibrillators and back-up batteries, to be added to two functioning units at the hospital.

"While waiting for the new defibrillators, we are working collaboratively on the comprehensive action plan, which we initially showed to the visiting team. Once we complete this report and [it is] accepted by Medicare, that's the only time we can hear about their decision [on CHC's status]," he

explained.

Torres said that CHC will not wait for 23 days to submit the plan to Medicare.

The corporation also expects to receive a formal report from the visiting team.

Medicare keeps its surveys unannounced and their timing unpredictable. This gives the agency doing the surveying greater ability to obtain valid information.

Six voting members

Torres said the corporation board remains functional with six voting members: Torres, Anthony Aguon, Pete Dela Cruz, Roy Rios, CEO Juan N. Babauta and Anthony Raho.

The only vacant voting post is that of the director of Medical

Affairs, Torres said.

As for the corporation's chief financial officer, Torres said this position is only an honorary member of the board.

The corporation has named Cora Ada as its acting CFO following the recent resignation of Alvaro Santos.

Torres described concerns about Dr. Daniel Lamar, who was earlier appointed acting DMA, as an "internal issue" and the corporation is now addressing the matter.

Torres said he emailed Lamar yesterday informing the physician that "the board wants to keep the issue about Lamar as internal" and must be addressed internally within the organization.

He said Babauta is now in the

process of naming a new appointee to the DMA post.

Lamar had declined to accept the DMA post as a full-time job.

Torres also described as "nonsense" speculations and allegations that he tried to prevent Lamar's appointment to the board to prevent members from getting a quorum and call for a meeting. "They are entitled to their opinion, but I already made my position clear [on those issues]," he said.

Torres stood pat on his decision to call for a board meeting only after he receives a "list of recommendations/suggestions" from members about ongoing challenges at the hospital. He said no member has yet to send him their proposals and suggestions.

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NMC offices closed and classes canceled on Oct. 3

Northern Marianas College employees will be participating in the upcoming NMC Strategic Planning Summit on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012. All NMC offices on Saipan will be closed on this day. All classes scheduled for this day have also been canceled; students are

advised to contact their instructors for make-up class time. For any campus emergency, contact NMC Security at 234-5498 Ext. 1911. For more information about upcoming events, log on to www.nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

John Gonzales LIVE! replay schedule

Wednesday's edition of *John Gonzales LIVE!* will be replayed today, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on MCV Ch. 14, and on Friday, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm, also on MCV Ch. 14.

This episode features part 2 of the topic "Let's Move Marianas! Septem-

ber 2012 Campaign Against Childhood Obesity & Childhood Cancer." Guests include Amber Rosario Mendiola, Let's Move Marianas! 2012 Campaign Planning chairwoman; Trina Sablan, Non-Communicable Disease Bureau media coordinator, Public Health Division, Commonwealth Health Care Corp.; childhood cancer survivors; Dr. Daniel Lamar, NCD Bureau medical adviser; and Roxanne Diaz, Division of Public Health director. (PR)

Tsunami awareness workshop this week

The Emergency Management Office,

on May 4 due to the lack of sufficient current financial and operating information.

Since that time, Moody's has received audited financial results for fiscal year 2010, unaudited financial information for 2011, and budget information for 2012 and 2013.

"The B2 rating reflects the Commonwealth's small, concentrated economy which has experienced a significant decline due to the loss of the garment industry; strained financial results characterized by persistent operating deficits; and a large and growing unfunded pension liability. Also factored into the rating are weaknesses in financial reporting exhibited by delayed release of audited financial statements," Moody's said in its five-page rating update.

Strengths, weaknesses

Moody's listed three strengths, including low debt levels compared to other U.S. territories and commonwealths.

It said rated debt matures in October 2013.

Lastly, after severe declines driven by the loss of the garment industry, the economy and government revenues show signs of stabilization.

A U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis report last week showed that the CNMI's gross domestic product grew by 2.3 percent in 2010, after declining for six consecutive years.

Moody's also cited four "challenges." These include financial results that show persistent CNMI general fund operating deficits and a large accumulated general fund balance sheet deficit.

"Financial reporting is weak," Moody's said.

It added that "no plans are in place to address a large unfunded pension liability" and that the "small economy is dominated by volatile tourism industry."

Inos said the recent enactment of a pension recovery law will help change the financial landscape.

"But until the dust settles down, we don't expect to see any major turnaround in the rating," he said.

A downgrade of the CNMI's bond rating would mean that the Commonwealth would have more difficulty issuing bonds, such as a pension obligation bond that the Fitial administration and some lawmakers have been advocating to help pay for the government's outstanding employer contributions to the NMI Retirement Fund.

passing. Andrea and I extend to his wife Jennifer, their four children, and to the Santos and Deleon Guerrero families our deepest sympathies and condolences. They remain in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time," Sablan said.

Deleon Guerrero and his wife Jennifer have four children, from 21 months old to 15 years old.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in a statement upon learning of Deleon Guerrero's passing, said: "With great sadness and heavy hearts, we join the people of the Commonwealth in mourning the loss of one of our own sons in uniform, U.S. Army Specialist Robert Santos Deleon Guerrero."

Fitial and Inos said that, in choosing a career in the U.S. Army, Deleon Guerrero, or Bobby, as he was fondly known, "demonstrated his willingness and determination to live a life of discipline and personal sacrifice so that all citizens of our country would be able to live in freedom and security."

"In choosing this noble path in his life, he exemplified his strength of character and his patriotic courage and fortitude to carry through. From his humble beginnings as an island boy, to his service on the international warfront, Specialist Deleon Guerrero lived his life on the principles of duty, honor, and country. In this time of sorrow, we extend our sincerest condolences and

prayers to the late Bobby's wife Jennifer, his parents, former representative Florencio and Lucy Deleon Guerrero, and his family and friends. Rest assured that his life of service to defend our freedom, our Commonwealth, and our country, will not be forgotten," the governor and lieutenant governor said.

There will be a 6am daily morning Mass and 7pm nightly rosary at Mount Carmel Cathedral for Deleon Guerrero.

Deleon Guerrero had been on life support since the weekend.

His parents, former representative Florencio Deleon Guerrero and Luise Santos Deleon Guerrero, flew to Tennessee to be by his side, along with his other siblings, including a brother who is in the Marines and is currently serving in Afghanistan, his family said.

His family has yet to decide whether to bury his remains in the CNMI or in the States.

'Waiting for body's arrival'

Deleon Guerrero's passing came days after another CNMI's own in military uniform, U.S. Army Specialist Joselyn Tara Mafnas Sablan, 23, passed away Thursday in Fort Hood, Texas where she was stationed. The Army has yet to complete its investigation on the cause of death, her family said.

Her aunt, Frances Mafnas, said yesterday that they have yet to receive information as to when her niece's remains will arrive on Saipan for burial.

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obligation bond on Tuesday.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday the bond rating review starting in May had to do with the CNMI's financial and economic conditions and data, but this information has since been submitted.

"We've never defaulted on any payment on the bond payment from day one. We also made sure those payments are made on time," Inos said in an interview on Capital Hill yesterday morning.

Inos, a former Finance secretary, also said the \$1.7 million in rated bonds will be paid off next year.

"Keep in mind that the rating that Moody's [reviewed] is only with respect to a balance of some outstanding bond payment of \$1.7 million. It's not the entire CNMI outstanding obligation," he added.

The bond rating that Moody's reviewed is the CNMI's \$40 million bond in 2003 for land compensation claims and was refunded in 2007. Only \$1.7 million of that is outstanding.

Moody's placed the rating on review

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derful to be around. He fought for his country, he enjoyed being in the military. We ask family and friends to remember him in your prayers," he said.

Herman Guerrero, for his part, said "seven people will have a second chance in life because of him." The Board of Education member said his nephew just turned 36 on Aug. 24.

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), who served in Iraq in October 2004 to January 2006, said Deleon Guerrero's service to the country "will not be forgotten."

"I understand that his last act of selfless service must especially be remembered, for he gave the greatest gift of life by being an organ donor. The CNMI is forever grateful for his and his family's ultimate act of generosity," Yumul said, adding that his prayers go out to Deleon Guerrero's family for his untimely passing.

'Humbling moment'

The delegate said he was "with the Pan family, including his sister Lani and brother Derek, [Wednesday] morning while Robert was in surgery to save the seven organs that he selflessly gave to others even as he passed on."

"It was a humbling moment even for family members who were overwhelmed with grief over his untimely

ment officials and non-government agencies that are a normal part of the Response Action Team, and for hotels, business sector, other non-government agencies, and the media.

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got funding cuts.

The Fitial administration has put in place a government shutdown contingency plan, listing positions that will be exempted from a shutdown, including doctors, nurses, police officers, corrections officers and utility crews. This plan may be released today.

Some government employees on Capitol Hill expressed disappointment that the Legislature has yet to pass a budget, some six months since the governor submitted his budget proposal in late March.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) said the committee wants government employees to report for work on Monday.

Inos, in an interview with reporters, said the Fitial administration is aware of the difficulties and challenges associated with passing a budget.

"So we'll put emphasis on the overall objective of having a budget and working out the benefits that we will approve to our people as a whole, as opposed to looking at individual agencies. We're not after winners and losers here. It's all about making sure the government survives during this difficult time. So if we don't have a budget, we are all losers. But we all want to be winners so we hope that [a budget bill] would be forthcoming," he said.

He said having a government shutdown is "a step backward."

But even if the Legislature passes a budget bill, the administration would still want to make sure it's a workable one. For one, the current budget measure does not fund the 4 percent government employer contribution for those in the defined contribution plan, which could be a reason for a governor's veto.

The CNMI government partially shut down in 2010 for some 10 days over a bitter deadlock between the House and Senate.

BOR

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reduced the number of its members.

Lizama and Rabauliman used to represent the Board of Regents on the Foundation board.

Lizama remains firm in his belief that the decision to bar regents from the Foundation board is "still illegal" and in contrast to the objective of the BOR, which has oversight over the Foundation. Lizama earlier claimed that the BOR has no authority to remove Foundation board members as it has its own bylaws.

The BOR spent a few hours in executive session yesterday to discuss the NMC Foundation issue.

"I really tried my best to let the members understand why it is important to rescind the early action of the board, but I failed. It seems some members have already made up their mind on the issue," Lizama said.

The BOR adopted the decision to remove regents from the Foundation board at an April board meeting. Lizama was the only one who voted against the motion versus the three "yes" votes of Rabauliman, Orsini, and Torres. *Saipan Tribune* learned that Peter was absent at the time while Orilla had yet to be confirmed by the Senate.

Despite his removal from the Foundation board, Lizama continues to attend Foundation meetings and even participates in its decision-making. He said yesterday, however, that he will stop attending Foundation meetings.

It was disclosed yesterday that the BOR's decision in April was in response to a "request" made by NMC Foundation members, and until no new request is received from the Foundation to reinstate former members, the three regents will stand by their decision.

Lizama told *Saipan Tribune* that he is unaware of any "requests" related to this matter.

Man facing rape charges to undergo psychiatric evaluation

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos has ordered the appointment of a psychiatrist to evaluate the mental condition of an ex-convict who is facing charges of raping a former girlfriend in an abandoned house

All set for NMC planning summit

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Government officials, business leaders, and community stakeholders will gather next week for a historic event called "Strategic Planning Summit," which will take place at the only community college on island.

To be hosted by the Northern Marianas College, the summit will focus on long-term planning for the college and its role in the economic growth of the Commonwealth.

NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., said yesterday that the sessions will be led by nationally renowned expert Dennis Jones, president of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, an organization that develops practical responses to strategic issues facing public and private leaders, including higher education institutions.

On the final day of the sum-



Jones

mit on Oct. 3, Jones will be leading a planning retreat for all college employees.

"Recognizing that the CNMI's economic vitality is closely linked to an educated workforce, we have invited key leaders in the community to the college's Strategic Planning Roundtable, which will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012," said Hart.

She said the strategic planning process will bring the community together to discuss NMC's future, especially in strengthening its role as the engine of economic growth for the CNMI.

"As a community, we cannot accept a view that the future of the CNMI is inevitable. Bold steps are needed to boost the upward trajectory of the CNMI—these steps must be pursued with the utmost urgency," Hart added.

Funding for the summit is provided by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs.

Health fair for moms, babies next month

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REPORTER

Marianas Pacific Distributors Inc. or Marpac is encouraging organizations and companies to participate in the "2012 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Fair, and Daddies too!" event next month.

The health fair, slated for Oct. 20, from 10am to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, aims to broaden health awareness and promote well-being within families.

Marpac's Vincia Seman said yesterday that they already sent out invitations to healthcare providers, civic organizations, insurance companies, government offices, childcare development centers, and other vendors to set up booths at the fair.

Booth registration is free on a first-come, first-served basis due to space restrictions. The deadline to submit completed registration forms is on Monday, Oct. 8.

The "2012 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Fair, and Daddies too!" will focus on health, beauty, and hygiene for individuals and families and will feature games and activities.

These include Diaper Derby,

near her residence.

Inos suspended proceedings in the case until the psychiatric evaluation of Joshua Indalecio Martin is completed.

It was Martin's lawyer who asked for the appointment of a psychiatrist.

In the order he issued last week, Inos said a defendant need

only provide reasonable cause in order to have a medical expert appointed for evaluation purposes.

The Office of the Attorney General has charged the 23-year-old Martin with sexual assault in the first degree, assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and kidnapping.

Martin, through assistant public defender Douglas W. Hartig, asked for the appointment of a psychiatrist or other health care professional to conduct a competency evaluation.

Hartig stated that he has had limited ability to effectively communicate with Martin and believes that a psychological evaluation is necessary.

The government opposed the motion. Assistant attorney general James B. McAllister argued

that there is no reasonable cause to infer incompetence.

Inos pointed out, however, that he was able to observe Martin first hand at a prior status conference and found that he was unresponsive to simple questions about his name, date of birth, and names of his parents.

Inos said the suspect repeatedly responded to the court's questions with "uhh" and "mmm" as if he did not understand what was being asked.

Inos said the suspect also appeared dazed and incoherent.

Based on his own observations and the statements of defense counsel, Inos said he finds reasonable cause to order a competency evaluation.

The judge said that the government's position that a crimi-

nal defendant would try to falsely claim incompetence indicates a lack of faith in the ability of trained health care professionals to distinguish between a criminal defendant who is truly incompetent and one who is merely trying to avoid trial.

"The court does not have this same lack of confidence in licensed health care professionals," Inos said.

As for the government's concern about the efficacy of releasing criminal defendants found incompetent into the community, Inos said this is better addressed by the Legislature.

"This court must follow the law and cannot create new standards predicated on the fear of possible future transgressions," he said.

CNMI law, Inos said, is clear that the trial court must appoint a licensed health care professional in order to determine the defendant's ability to stand trial once the issue of competency is raised.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that a police officer was dispatched on Friday, July 13, 2012, at 3:13am to a residence in Afetnas after receiving a call about a rape incident.

When the officer arrived at the house, the 18-year-old victim was crying. Martin allegedly choked the victim's neck and threatened to kill her if he would not follow him outside.

Martin kept pushing the victim until they reached the abandoned house where he allegedly raped her.



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Opening Date: October 10, 2012

Closing Date: October 31, 2012

The Division of Youth Services Family Support Services under the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs will be opening thirty (30) job skills training opportunities that will be funded under the Community Services Block Grant, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The training will commence from November 12, 2012 to April 12, 2013 and will cover the following program areas: CHILDREN'S PROGRAM; PROGRAM ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES. Some specific responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Participating in innovative and informative training offered by DYS
- Establishing positive collaborative relationships with the community
- Acting as outreach liaison between DYS and the community
- Creating culturally-sensitive and competent services in the community
- Attending relevant community meetings to become familiar with the social services
- Conducting community needs assessments through various community outlets
- Performing other duties as assigned

The purpose of this program is support activities designed to assist low-income families and individuals through training opportunities and at the same time receive stipend for the commitment demonstrated in strengthening youth development and prevention programs in the community.

Specific information on program requirements and applications may be picked up at the DYS Family Services Unit, House #1340 in Capitol Hill. For further information, please contact Vivian Sablan or Alex Olopai at 664-2552/2559.

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Judge denies bid to halt ongoing ASNMC election

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REPORTER

The Superior Court has denied a motion for temporary restraining order filed by a former president of the Associated Students of Northern Marianas College who wants the court to stop the two-day election for new ASNMC officers.

The election started Tuesday and ended yesterday.

In his motions for TRO and preliminary injunction, Law-

In an order issued yesterday, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho ruled that Lawrence E. Camacho has not made an initial showing that entitles him to the relief he is seeking.

Judge Camacho, however, gave Lawrence Camacho the opportunity to argue his motion for preliminary injunction today, Thursday, at 1:30pm.

The student said that during his term as ASNMC president, he came across two sets of ASNMC constitutions—one dated

May 8, 2002, and another that was neither signed nor dated.

Upon his review of the two constitutions, he noted that the document that was neither signed nor dated was the one used as the standard for candidate qualification during the ASNMC election in the fall 2011 semester.

He said the court should inter-

vene by clarifying which constitution is the effective document.

In denying the motion for TRO, Judge Camacho said the plaintiff has not clearly shown that any immediate and irreparable harm will occur before the Northern Marianas College can be heard.

"There is nothing in the mo-

tion or exhibits tending to show the election will result in any irreparable injury to plaintiff," the judge said.

Second, Judge Camacho said, the plaintiff has not certified to the court in writing any efforts made to give notice to NMC or a statement about why a notice should not be required.

3rd plea deal offered to rob suspect nixed

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho rejected once more as too lenient the third plea deal offered to video store robbery suspect Benjamin Jones Castro Jr.



Castro

The third plea deal would have sent Castro to three years in prison without the possibility of parole.

In an order yesterday, Camacho said he is not persuaded that the interests of justice would be served by accepting the plea, given the manner of violence implicated.

Camacho is known for rejecting lenient plea agreements and imposing maxi-

mum jail sentences.

The judge said the proposed third plea agreement just adds six months imprisonment to the previously rejected plea agreement, and is otherwise unchanged.

Under the third plea deal, Castro would plead guilty to robbery in exchange for a sentence of five years imprisonment, all suspended except for three years, to be served without the possibility of parole and with credit for time served.

Chief Public Defender Adam Hardwicke is counsel for the suspect. Assistant attorney general Chemere McField represents the government.

In rejecting the proposed sec-

ond plea agreement last month, Camacho said the proposed two-year-and-six-month sentence is disproportionate to the crime committed.

"Here the plea is based on defendant's admission that he came up behind the cashier of a video store and choked her, forcing her to open the cash register and surrender the money. This particular use of force is extremely violent and offensive to the court," the judge said.

If convicted of all three charges, Castro is facing a maximum of 16 years in prison.

Police said that Castro robbed Hollywood Video in San Jose on Feb. 24, 2012. The suspect allegedly took \$379 cash from the cash register. The store's 23-year-old female cashier sustained some injuries in her right jaw.



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From left: Jeff Boyer, Isla Petroleum & Energy retail manager; John Hirsh, American Red Cross executive director; and Ron Benavente, IP&E marketing assistant, hold a banner outside the IP&E terminal on Puerto Rico, Wednesday, Sept. 26. IP&E is a major sponsor for ARC's Club 200 event, its largest fundraiser of the year.

Contest, exhibit to shine spotlight on Korean culture

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Korean Cultural Center on Saipan is gearing up for two events that aim to foster a better understanding of the Korean culture.

President Daniel Huh said yesterday that the center will host for the first time a Korean Song Contest and an exhibit called Love Korea Movement in November. Both events are open to the public and aim to promote friendship and camaraderie between Koreans and the local community.

The song competition is slated for Nov. 23 and 24 while the exhibit is on Nov. 19 to 24.

Huh said practice sessions for the Korean Song Contest have already begun. Practice sessions tomorrow and on Saturday, Sept. 28 to 29, will be held at 3pm at the Korean Community School behind the former Saipan Mayor's Office and Winners garment factory in Afetnas.

Another venue for practice sessions is the Korean Norae-bangs, a karaoke business that has several locations in San Jose and Chalan Kanoa. Call 235-7726/3175/2351/8686 or 234-3188 for more information.

Non-Korean speakers are encouraged to join the contest and the ongoing rehearsals. Huh said that several residents have already attended last week's

practice sessions.

He urged the public to download Korean songs, including their national anthem called *Aegukga*, from YouTube or other Internet sites.

Meanwhile, the Love Korea Movement exhibit would provide a glimpse of the rich and colorful culture of this East Asian country. The exhibit also aims to give Koreans born on Saipan the opportunity to learn

more about their roots.

Huh, who is also the president of Kagman Community Center, said the exhibit would feature general information about Korea and photos about its traditions and heritage. Spectators will get a chance to get photographed wearing king and queen costumes.

To participate in the events or for more information, email ko-reancultureweek@gmail.com.

Water systems are reminded of CCR submission's deadline

The Division of Environmental Quality is reminding all community water systems to submit their Consumer Confidence Report certification form by Oct. 1, 2012, certifying that they have distributed the CCR to their customers and that the information is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to DEQ.

CCR distribution methods include:

- Mail or deliver one copy of the report to each customer
- Systems that bill customers by mail should mail a copy of the CCR to each billed customer. Enough copies of the CCR should be sent to single billed customers that have multiple residential units, such as apartment buildings, so that each residential unit can receive a copy.
- Bottle water companies

should direct deliver the CCR to each of their customer's homes during home delivery of water, deliver copies of the CCR to retail outlets for distribution with retail sales, and post notices on bulk water retail tanks that the CCR is available upon request.

■ Community water systems serving 500 or fewer people (hotels, garment factories, etc.) may either post the CCR in an appropriate location for their resident workers, or post a notice that the CCR is available upon request.

■ Every community water system must make its CCR available to the public upon request.

Contact Safe Drinking Water program manager Jose M. Kaitpat or CCR coordinator Julie DLR. Mendoza at 664-8500/01 for more information. (DEQ)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Thirteen Tinian Municipal Council hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Session 13-09 on Friday, September 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the 13th TMC Conference Room.

AGENDA

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Tinian Local Bill No. 17-02,S1 "A Local Appropriation Bill For an Act For the Second Senatorial District"
5. Miscellaneous
6. Adjournment

/S/ Estevan P. Cabrera
Chairman

Bennett sisters make waves for the CNMI

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REPORTER

They may be hundreds of miles away but the Bennett sisters, the children of Ambrose and Lillian Deleon Guerrero Bennett, continue to make waves for the CNMI in the military, sports, and fashion worlds.

The eldest, Shequita LiDear Bennett-Sanchez, re-enlisted for another four years in the Air Force earlier this year and was recently selected for promotion to staff sergeant.

During her tour of duty in Afghanistan from March to June 2011, Shequita Bennett-Sanchez received an Air Force Achievement Medal and was promoted to senior airman.

Shequita Bennett-Sanchez, who is married to former Public Safety officer Leon Sanchez Jr. of Tinian who recently finished his tour of duty in Afghanistan, also graduated from the Community College of the Air Force where she received her associate degree in Health Care Administration.

The 2005 Ms. Marianas Universe looks forward to coming back for a visit sometime in the not too distant future, said father Ambrose Bennett.

Meanwhile, the Bennett twins Yvonne and Yvette are also carving a name for themselves and the two seniors are

both running track for Boise State University in Idaho.

Yvonne Bennett is now running cross country to build her stamina and strength for the 400-meter race, which has become her specialty along with the 200 meters.

This will be Yvette Bennett's first year on the team and will be running the 200 meters and doing the long jump.

With her pageant exposure, Yvette Bennett has captured two modeling contracts in Idaho. She won several awards leading up to the Miss Idaho/Miss Universe Pageant and is now looking forward to the Miss Idaho/USA competition.

Ambrose Bennett urged the community to support Yvette's quest for the crown by voting for her online in the Miss Photogenic competition for the upcoming Miss Idaho pageant in November through the link, http://missidahousa.com/contestant_voting.php?pageant=m.

Ambrose Bennett said he and his wife Lillian are very proud of what the three girls have achieved and they thank all the people who have coached or supported their daughters through the years.

"You are truly appreciated and our girls could not have come this far and accomplished so much without your help," the parents said in a statement.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy, happy birthday greetings go out to Marlon Cabrera, who is turning the BIG 30 today! Cheers to you and another year, man! May you be blessed with many more birthdays to come! Love always, Cat, Caleb and Calen, your BIG brother Charisma, Mom, Grandma, and the entire Salbahe *familia!*

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Belated happy birthday to a special little boy, Caleb Matthew Acera Cabrera, who celebrated his 3rd birthday last Sept. 15, 2012! May you grow up to be a very healthy, smart, loving, and caring young man! May the good Lord bless you with many more birthdays to come. We love you! Love always, Mommy, Daddy, little bro' Calen, your cousins Aiannah, Laven, Jaylee, Jacob Jr., Lolo and Lola, Grandma, Grandmama, your auntsies and uncles, especially your super uncle Nino Charisma!

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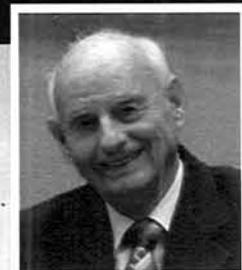
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CLI clients to benefit from \$3.5K donation



Staff, volunteers, and consumers of the Center for Living Independently - CNMI flank Rep. Ramon Basa, one of three lawmakers who made a contribution totaling \$3,500, yesterday during an appreciation ceremony held at the center in Capital Hill.

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REPORTER

People with disabilities will now be able to attend training at the Center for Living Independently-CNMI on Capital Hill after three lawmakers donated funds that will be used to transport CLI's consumers to its facility.

CLI held an appreciation ceremony yesterday for Reps. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), and Edmund S. Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) for donating a total of \$3,500 that will be used to provide free-ride coupons with Call-A-Ride Saipan to consumers who need transportation for work, school, or medical appointments.

Some 40 consumers have been unable to go to the center since July after CLI-CNMI exhausted its ARRA monies, which was a major funding source for the center for three years. Additionally, the center is subsidized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Aggravating the lack of fund-

ing is the increase in the Call-A-Ride fee from \$6 per segment or ride to \$12. The transportation problem has resulted in fewer consumers going to the center and receiving training.

Lydia D. Igitol, CLI-CNMI executive director, said they have been struggling to continue assisting their consumers, given that their original budget for the coupon program was no longer sufficient for the current fiscal year.

Igitol was inspired to seek help from the Legislature at the prodding of Basa, who was the only representative present at yesterday's ceremony.

"The assistance the congressmen have given us is a big financial boost. But their show of support also provides inspiration for those with disability to persevere in achieving their goals of independence," she said.

Basa, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said he advised Igitol that it's "appropriate and high time" for

them to approach the government for annual assistance.

"I'm delighted to assist them. I personally would like to see that the government would supplement the center's budget shortfall," he said.

During the brief ceremony, Basa also committed \$500 out of his office's funding to be given to the center monthly.

"I want you all to maximize the services that the center provides so you can go out and become productive citizens of the community. I know you can do it," he told consumers.

One of the consumers, Jason Teregeyo, extended his appreciation to the three lawmakers. "With the rise of Call-A-Ride fee at \$6 per segment, it makes it difficult for a consumer to receive independent living training here at the center. With the donations from these three congressmen, it will enable consumers to receive training here at CLI," he said.

When asked how many consumers and how many rides

would the \$3,500 contribution accommodate, Igitol said they would have to follow a priority list for their consumers.

She disclosed that at least five more lawmakers, including a senator, also promised to help the center. She said contributions from the public for the free-ride coupon program are also welcome.

Established in 2001, CLI-CNMI is a non-profit group run by and for persons with disabilities with the mission to ensure the rights of people with disabilities to live independently and fully integrated in the community. It holds offices at Bldg. No. 1366 along Anatahan and Guguan Drives on Capital Hill.

The organization provides a comprehensive range of services that include information and referral, independent living skills training, peer counseling, transportation, and individual and system advocacy.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 27, 2000

EPA: Ship back PCB-contaminated soil to US

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 has issued an administrative order to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to allow federal environment officials ship back to the U.S. mainland the concentrated polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) that will be collected in Cemetery No. 2 in Tanapag village. Federal law prohibits the shipment of PCB from territories which are not covered by the U.S. Customs. EPA Region 9 Manager Norman Lovelace said the enforcement action sent a week ago is expected to help clear legal obstacles and pave the way for the shipment of the highly toxic chemical and its proper disposal in a U.S. mainland facility.

PCB level in Tanapag water, food almost nil

Food and water in Tanapag village were found safe from polychlorinated biphenyl contamination, except the land crabs, according to preliminary results of the laboratory testing conducted in the U.S. mainland. Food items such as taro, yam, clams, chicken eggs and fish did not yield any PCB level during the testing. However, the eight land crabs taken within the area of the cemetery showed detectable PCB limits, said Norman Lovelace, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 manager. Likewise, laboratory results of 18 samples of groundwater taken from Tanapag and the Lower Base yielded "non-detect" PCB levels. The preliminary results issued last month negated earlier findings that PCB concentration in groundwater in Tanapag is 18 times the federal drinking standard. Only samples of taro and yam were tested in Guam laboratory.

Sept. 27, 2001

Mandatory pre-natal HIV screening sought

The House Committee on Health and Welfare has recommended the passage of a bill that would make it mandatory for the Commonwealth Health Center to give free counseling and screening to pregnant women to prevent the transmission of the HIV virus from mother to child. At the same time, the committee pushed for a provision in the measure that would no longer require parental consent for minors who would seek testing and counseling for sexually transmitted diseases. According to committee chair Rep. Malua T. Peter, the passage of House Bill 12-259 becomes even more urgent with the rise in the number of HIV cases in the CNMI and the shift of its transmission that now puts the entire community at risk of acquiring the terrible disease.

Democrat's House bets take drug test

Leading the way for the other electoral candidates, the two congressional bets of the Democrat Party for Precinct 4 submitted themselves to a laboratory drug test to prove to their constituents that they are drug-free. Reelectionist Rep. Dino M. Jones and Justo S. Quitogua submitted urine samples to the Diagnostic Laboratory in Gualo Rai on Tuesday to be tested for the presence of prohibited and controlled substances. "The results of the laboratory examinations will be known in two weeks since the samples will still have to be flown off-island for testing as the local laboratories here do not have the equipment for this type of test," said Jones.

Sept. 27, 2002

DD Council gets \$50K in US demonstration grant

The CNMI Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities yesterday announced that it received a grant award of \$50,000 from a sub-agency of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The good news was relayed to the Council by Catherine Alvarez, grants management specialist of the USDHHS. "It's a pleasure to inform you that your proposal for your state Family Support project has been approved for funding under the Administration on Developmental Disabilities Family Support Program," said Alvarez in her Sept. 11 letter to Thomas J. Camacho, executive director of the DD Council.

Microloan reaches \$91K in second quarter

The Commonwealth Development Authority has approved the release of some \$91,500 worth of Microloans in the second quarter of 2002, down by half the total amount registered during the same period in 2001. However, the reduction in the amount of approved loans during the April-June period doesn't necessarily mirror a slowdown in CDA's issuance of loans under its Microloan Program, but actually reflects the level of funds available for the purpose. The Microloan Program, a partnership between the CDA and the U.S. Small Business Administration, is funded under a loan package extended by the SBA to the development authority. The CDA can only loan out from the SBA's specific funding for the program.

\$2M grant seeks to enhance NMII rate review process

The CNMI Department of Commerce's Rate Review Office was recently awarded a \$2-million grant to further enhance the CNMI Rate Review Program and help protect consumers from unjustified or excessive premium increases.

The grant was made possible under the Funding Opportunity Announcement titled, "Grants to States for Health Insurance Rate Review-Cycle II."

According to John S. Blanco, administrator for the Rate Review Office, "These funds will be used to strengthen efforts made toward the establishment of an effective rate review process made possible from the

Cycle I funding."

In her notice of award to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Teresa D. Miller, acting Director for the Oversight Group, said: "We at the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight thank you for your commitment to this program and striving to use funds to enhance or establish an Effective Rate Review program in the CNMI. CCIIO looks forward to continued collaboration with the CNMI as you embark upon an ambitious program to enhance the premium review process in your territory and take important strides to help protect consumers from unjustified and/or excessive

premium increases."

The project is composed of four primary areas that include 1) enhancing legislative efforts to enact local statutes to implement and enforce the premium rate review process; 2) providing consumer outreach efforts to inform the public of the process and promote interaction relevant to the established process; 3) developing a baseline needed for professional services required to ensure robust examination and oversight and; 4) establishing a uniformed statutory and regulatory framework for the CNMI.

The grant project period and budget period is slated to last for

PHI Pharmacy welcomes two interns

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REPORTER

Two students from the University of Hawaii at Hilo – College of Pharmacy arrived on island over the weekend for their internship at PHI Pharmacy.

Mathew Mullahy and Adam Stockdale began Tuesday their six-week ambulatory or outpatient care rotation, which mainly involves doing blood sugar and blood pressure screenings and giving patients essential information for their medical and health concerns.

Stockdale, who also studied at the Washington State University, became interested in the internship program after learning about it from previous interns.

"It's really gaining momentum," he said about the program.

Stockdale looks forward to learning "how to truly help people" under different circumstances and sharing with them health advice and information.

In his spare time, Stockdale plans to go scuba diving to check out Saipan's remarkable marine life.

Mullahy, who holds a degree in Chemistry, wants to establish personal relationships with patients. On his first day of work, he already had a handful of patients with diabetes and hypertension and advised them to make simple changes in their lifestyles such as substituting white rice with brown rice and increasing their physical activity.

A native of Kauai, Hawaii, Mullahy already had a chance to visit some of the popular sites on Saipan such as Bird Island Lookout, The Grotto, and Suicide Cliff. "It's really nice. It's similar to Hawaii," he said.

Now on its fourth year, the internship program is a collaboration between PHI Pharmacy and the University of Hawaii, seeking to expose students to a different patient population and giving them a different perspective in the study of pharmacy.

"It lets them know that pharmacy isn't just about handing out pills to patients; it's also about spending time getting to know and working with these patients," PHI Pharmacy owner Bruce Cohen said.

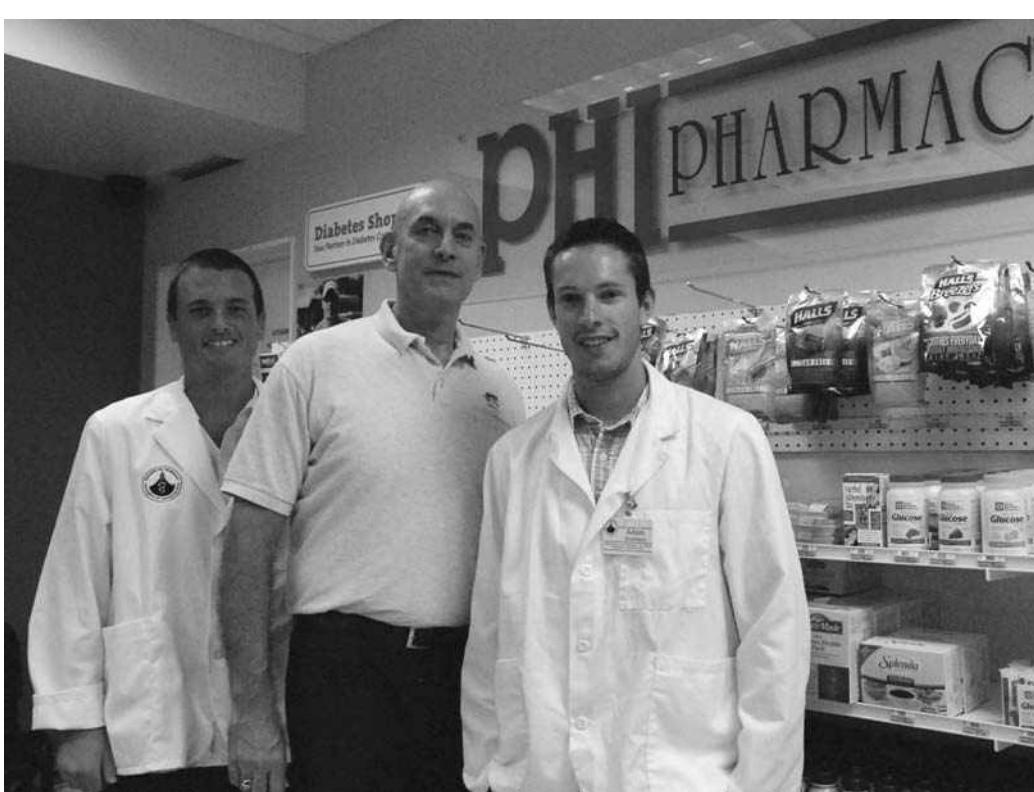
According to Cohen, the internship program is a two-pronged approach: Students have the opportunity to learn about the patient population on island while PHI staff and patients benefit from the knowledge the interns can share with the community.

"It's really a win-win situation," he added.

During their stay, Mullahy and Stockdale will be doing the blood sugar and blood pressure screenings at PHI Pharmacy in Dandan every Tuesday and Thursday.

Additionally, they will be featured in the CNMI Health Digest, be in interviews with KKMP, participate in health-related events such as the upcoming Let's Move Marianas expo on Saturday, and develop additional health brochures for the community.

Cohen encouraged any church group or civic organization planning to conduct health fairs and other related functions in the next six weeks to utilize the services of both interns by calling PHI Pharmacy in Dandan at 235-6170 or 74.



CLARISSA V. DAVID

PHI Pharmacy owner Bruce Cohen is flanked by Adam Stockdale, right, and Mathew Mullahy, at their Dandan location on Tuesday. The two are the latest interns from the University of Hawaii at Hilo - College of Pharmacy, who arrived over the weekend.

two years beginning on Oct. 1, 2012, and ending on Sept. 30, 2014. The grant is part of the

program of ensuring that the CNMI has an effective rate review process in connection with mandates relevant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. (*Office of the Governor*)

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Kagman home burglarized twice

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on a burglary incident that occurred at a residence in Kagman 3.

On Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, at about midnight, police responded to the crime located at the residence. The victim, a 54-year-old female, left her home at about 8:30am. She returned at midnight to discover her residence in disarray and ransacked.

The police were called and a burglary and theft report filed.

The victim slept elsewhere that night and returned home the next day, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, at about 4:30pm. The victim discovered her home burglarized again. The point of entry was through the kitchen window.

Police were contacted and the responding police officer discovered footprints behind the house on a trail leading to an abandoned house nearby. Some of the stolen items belonging to the victim were recovered at the abandoned

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College degree with financial management major plus 3 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communications skills and strong interpersonal skill to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, Peachtree and MS office software.

Lead Aircraft Service Agent (2)

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Lead Ramp Agent (2)

High school diploma or its equivalent with 5 years experience in ramp, cargo loading and unloading operations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, operating equipment for loading and off-loading baggage / cargo to and from the aircraft for both commercial and freight aircraft. Ability to teach operation of specialized equipment for aircraft servicing and ramp operations. Must be able to lift 70 lbs. minimum. Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license.

Aircraft Maintenance Technician (3)

Graduate of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering program with 2 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Performs various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to ensure airworthiness. Must be skilled in the use of specialized aircraft testing equipment. Must possess current U.S. FAA A&P License or and equivalent foreign license.

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Lead Aircraft Maintenance Technician

AS degree in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering with 4 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the manager, performing various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to ensure airworthiness. Must be skilled in the use of specialized aircraft testing equipment and hold current U.S. FAA A&P License or an equivalent foreign license.

Ground Support Equipment Mechanic (2)

Diploma for technical / vocational course on automotive / diesel engines with minimum of 2 years experience in repair and overhaul of gas and diesel engines for automobiles and other specialized motorized equipment. Performs mechanical and electrical repairs, welding repairs, corrosion treatment and painting on all GSE equipment and vehicles. Must also be skilled in part fabrication. Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license.

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Associates degree with 3 years of aircraft ramp operation experience with specific airline certification as a load planner. Ensures that aircraft load is distributed and secured in accordance with aircraft weight and balance requirements, ensuring that the aircraft's operational or structural limitations are not exceeded. Must be computer literate and can perform manual weight and balance calculations.

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The plight of the topless duchess

Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, came to world attention when, as Kate Middleton, she was dating Prince William, whom she married last year. With her winning smile, charmingly demure manner and elegant fashion sense, she quickly became a worldwide sensation, not to mention a regular on best-dressed lists.

Well, if there is a 2012 best-undressed list, the duchess is sure to be on it as well. The royal family and much of Britain has been all a-tizzy since a French magazine published photos of Kate sunbathing topless at a villa in the south of France where she was vacationing with her husband, who it should be noted was also bare from the waist up.

The photo spread was particularly unwelcome at Buckingham Palace because it came not long after photos and video emerged featuring William's younger brother romping naked in a Las Vegas hotel suite. The commoners got a full-frontal view of Prince Harry's physical assets as he engaged in a game of "strip billiards."

Queen Elizabeth must be pining for the days when this sort of affront could be handled with a sharp ax and a sturdy chopping block. But royal prerogatives not being what they once were, the duchess and her husband had to settle for going to court in France, claiming a privacy violation. Last week, a French court ruled against the magazine and ordered it to give up all its digital copies.

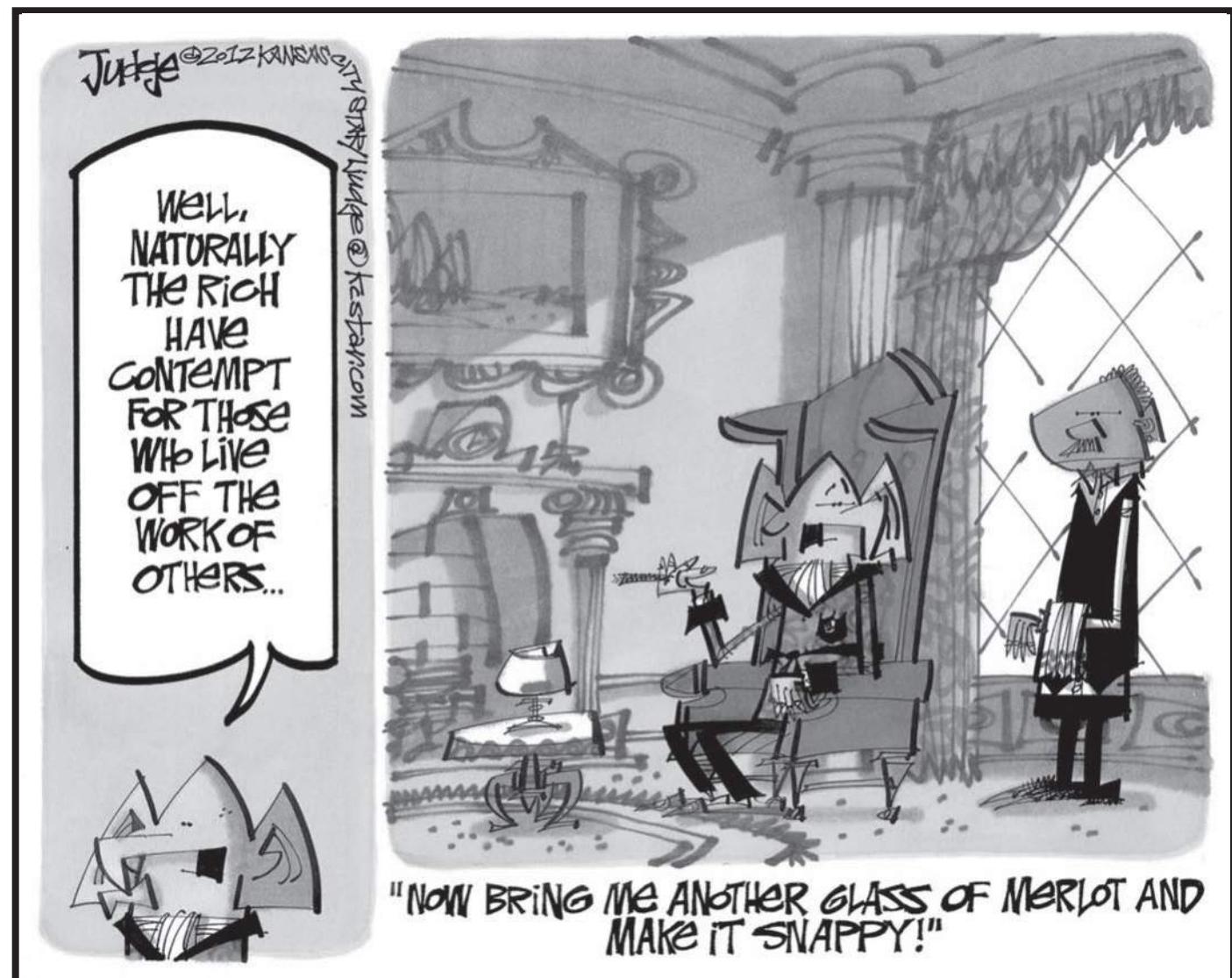
As long as they're engaged in hopeless pastimes, though, why don't Kate and Williams get started on drinking the Thames dry? By now, the grainy images have spread irretrievably across the globe via the Internet, easily available to anyone bored with videos of adorable kittens and "Call Me Maybe" covers.

Before the court had issued its edict, publications in Italy and Ireland had also published their own spreads. The implacable royals are considering action against those, and they are also pursuing a criminal complaint in France.

But it's not as though the paparazzi are solely to blame. Kate set the girls free while lounging on a balcony that apparently provides an unobstructed line of sight to a public road half a mile away. Anyone with a set of binoculars and a dirty mind could have gazed at length on her uncovered torso. Nor was it exactly a secret to the couple that wherever the British royals go, nosy photographers are sure to follow.

Persisting in legal action sounds like a rewarding option for lawyers on either side but a waste of time and money for the House of Windsor. And we can recommend a far simpler remedy for modest, camera-shy royals: When you're anywhere that an unnoticed camera might be present, keep your clothes on. If you can't do that, make sure to smile—and use sunscreen.

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Presidential debates: Why don't they just answer the question?

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In next month's three presidential debates, President Obama and Mitt Romney will be asked a wide range of questions crucial to the future of America. But if history is any guide, they are unlikely to answer many of them. Even worse, most of us won't even notice.

Listen carefully to the questions and responses and you'll understand. A candidate is asked a specific question: "How will you balance the budget?" The response is typically along the lines of: "Balancing the budget is critical to America's future, which is why I am committed to it!" It feels like an answer; after all, the budget was mentioned in the question and the response. But parse the words and you'll realize that you still have no idea how the candidate will balance the budget.

Public figures are adept at evading questions they would rather not answer. Henry Kissinger was famous for telling reporters, "Does anyone have questions for my answers?" And during one of the many Republican presidential primary debates, Romney gave us a candid glimpse of a philosophy some politicians apply when asked to answer direct questions. After the moderator suggested that the candidate had not answered a question he was asked, Romney retorted, "Look, you get to ask the questions you want; I get to give the answers I want." Though we applaud his frankness, we lament that the practice he alludes to is so common in politics—on both sides of the aisle—and that it too often goes unnoticed.

In our research, we have found that viewers are most likely not to detect dodging when politicians offer answers to similar, but objectively different, questions than the ones they are asked.

In one study, for example, participants were shown video of a politician being asked a question about his policy on either health-care coverage in America, the illegal drug use problem in America, or America's war on terrorism. He offered the same answer to all three questions: "I'm glad you asked me that. There are so many important problems facing America today. We need universal health care because ..." and then proceeded to give a long answer about health care.

People who saw video of the politician who was asked about health care saw him as trustworthy, honest and likable; he answered the question he was asked, after all. But, disturbingly, those who were shown the politician being asked about illegal drug use also rated him as trustworthy, honest and likable, even though he dodged the question. Why? Because a question about drugs and an answer about health care feel vaguely related, viewers failed to notice he hadn't answered the actual question he was asked.

Still, not all dodges were equally effective. Viewers who watched

the politician give his health-care answer to a question about the war on terrorism—an egregious attempt to dodge—not only noticed the dodge but thought the politician was untrustworthy, dishonest and unlikeable.

This blindness to artful dodges occurs in part because viewers often devote their limited attention to evaluating whether or not they like and trust the politician (the "would-I-want-to-have-a-beer-with-this-guy" test) and less to whether the politician answers every specific question. It is this psychological limitation that politicians exploit so masterfully when they dodge questions. Unless politicians outrageously dodge questions, viewers rarely notice.

One sensible solution might be to encourage moderators not to let dodging politicians off the hook. But moderators must balance competing demands during debates: ensuring that time is allocated evenly, raising each pre-determined issue and wanting to appear unbiased and professional. Indeed, when "Newsnight's" Jeremy Paxman grilled British politician Michael Howard by asking him the same question 12 straight times—and still never got an answer—Howard suffered a hit, but so did Paxman, who some viewers found unfair and overly aggressive.

If we can't count on moderators to prevent politicians from dodging, how can we help voters detect dodges? Networks have been wrestling with this problem and have generated some innovative half-measures. For example, during one of the Republican presidential debates hosted by Fox News in January, viewers were asked to tweet #dodge and #answer to rate how directly each candidate answered each question. These Twitter ratings were even referred to once by one of the questioners when Newt Gingrich tried to dodge a question.

Our research suggests an even simpler, low-cost and consistent strategy: Broadcasters post the text of the specific question asked on the screen during the politicians' answers. Our experiments show that this small visual tweak enables viewers to detect even the most artful dodges.

Politicians dodge questions when they believe their answers will negatively affect voter preferences. But these are often exactly the questions that voters most need answered to make informed voting choices. With a little help from those broadcasting the debates, by election day, voters just might get those answers.

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Three lessons from the Middle East

There's still a lot we don't know about the anti-American violence that has wracked the Middle East for the last two weeks—especially the degree to which it was orchestrated by organized terrorist groups. In particular, the Obama administration's contention that the deadly attack on the U.S. embassy in Libya began as a demonstration against an anti-Islamic film clip and then spontaneously escalated to mortars and rocket-propelled grenades seems far-fetched.

But even without knowing the full story, some conclusions are inescapable:

A more democratic Middle East isn't the same thing as a more pro-American Middle East. In fact, it might be the opposite. The unpleasant fact is that even a Middle Eastern dictatorship run by a blood enemy of the United States, like Moammar Gadhafi's Libya, may be suppressing a popular tide of even more profound anti-Americanism.

President Obama spent over a billion dollars last year lobbing missiles at Gadhafi, all supposedly in the name of democracy. His payback: a U.S. consulate reduced to a smoking ruin, with the corpses of four American diplomats inside. Egypt, Yemen and Tunisia, three of the countries where the U.S. applied fierce pressure to help oust authoritarian governments during the so-called Arab Spring, now host some of the most implacably hostile anti-American movements.

Don't believe that it's all George Bush's fault. The people in the Middle East certainly don't. When the White House changed hands in 2009, one of the most confident predictions of President Obama's team was the calming effect he would have on foreign relations, especially in the Middle East. Getting rid of Bush's cowboy hat and treating other

countries like respected equals would make a huge difference.

So how did that work out? The most popular chant of the mobs thronging streets throughout the region last week was "Obama, Obama, we are all Osama." It turns out that people in the Middle East, unlike the American chattering classes, are more impressed with deeds than words.

All the smooth talk in the world won't distract them from the fact that Obama has turned the skies over the region into a killing field. In Pakistan alone, he's unleashed nearly 300 aerial drone strikes (six times as many as were launched during the whole of the Bush administration) and inflicted a death toll numbering in the thousands. Cowboy is as cowboy does.

Let's not kid ourselves—there really is a clash of civilizations. In 1996, the late political scientist Samuel P. Huntington wrote a book called "The Clash of Civilizations" in which he predicted that, with the end of the Cold War, the global conflicts of the future would be over culture rather than ideology. At the top of his list was the chasm between the Judeo-Christian influenced liberal democracy of the West, and the theocratic totalitarianism of the Islamic world.

The chaos over the weekend, with dozens of people killed and hundreds injured in rioting against an obscure and nearly incomprehensible Internet film clip that Muslims find insulting to their religion, is further evidence that the cultural gap is growing more lethal by the moment.

The problem is that much of the Islamic world not only rejects Western conceptions of freedom but is willing to kill over them.

Any perceived insult to the Muslim religion, no matter how trivial or even imaginary, is a death-penalty offense. In 1977, Muslim gunmen in Washington killed two people, seized several buildings and took scores of hostages in an attempt to force a ban on a film called

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"Mohammad, Messenger of God" that they hadn't seen but thought might contain religious insults. (It didn't.)

The list of violent responses to supposed slights to Islam has only grown since then: The death sentence against author Salman Rushdie. The murder of the Dutch director of a hostile documentary on Muslim treatment of women. The hundreds of deaths in rioting over Danish cartoons of the prophet Muhammad and the swimsuit competition in a Miss World contest in Nigeria. (One Muslim cleric even called for the beheading of all the contestants.)

When American Christians make tepid complaints that works of art that blaspheme their religion (Andres Serrano's infamous photo of a crucifix submerged in urine, for instance) shouldn't be supported with taxpayer dollars, intellectual America labels them depraved fascists.

Muslims killing people over sacrilegious art, however, draws a much different reaction. Suddenly former Obama Middle East advisers like Sarah Chayes and free-speech absolutists like Anthony Lewis and even Supreme Court justice Stephen Breyer have discovered that insults to Islam aren't really covered by the First Amendment.

In this clash of civilizations, the West seems to have a lot of fifth columnists.

Worry about the poor now, or really worry later

Mitt Romney's been assailed for his ugly comments about the 47 percent of Americans who don't pay income tax. And rightfully so: That group includes hardworking people, retirees, disabled military veterans and students. They don't have an entitlement mentality. Romney shouldn't have made the statement at a fundraiser, or even alone in the bathroom, pretending his comb was a microphone.

He shouldn't have even thought it: It's not true, and it's so cynical it made a swath of Americans queasier than a roller-coaster ride on a hot day after six corn dogs.

That being said, there are some people in that 47 percent with an entitlement mentality, who squeeze the nation for every penny and benny, and will never be productive. That will be so whether we elect Barack Obama, Mitt Romney or Mitt's new crush, Snooki.

Let's think about how such people come to be, and how they're going to keep on coming to be in the future.

Let's talk about Jimmy, an imaginary 5-year-old who just started kindergarten. Jimmy's family is poor and dysfunctional. He could be white or black; his mom and dad could be meth heads in a rural trailer or crack heads in an urban project. It does not matter.

Jimmy likely has a "listening vocabulary" of about 3,000 words. Children from high-income families are at about 20,000 words at this age. And the research shows that gap probably won't narrow: It mostly widens.

Trying to make sense of election polls

I'm overdosing on polls. One day you hear President Barack Obama is up by 5 over Republican Mitt Romney and the next day Romney is ahead by a point. None of it seems to make much sense.

So I asked a political consultant to help sort this out. He said he doesn't bother much with polls by big-name news outfits, even though they can generate headlines. Instead, he looks at the daily results from Gallup and Rasmussen, which run continuous tracking surveys based on rolling averages of a few days. Here's what their surveys showed Friday.

Rasmussen polls "likely" voters, which tend to vote more Republican. Even so, Rasmussen had Obama at 46 percent and Romney at 45. Gallup surveys "registered" voters. He had Obama and Romney tied at 47 percent.

Both surveys are reputable. Rasmussen, by the way, tied with Pew for the most accurate of the 2008 presidential race.

The other polls are less reliable, sometimes even zany. Too many of them under-sample Republicans. Take a Washington Post/ABC News poll that ran earlier this month. It had Obama leading Romney 49-48 among likely voters, and 50-44 among registered voters.

But turn to the key question—party affiliation—and you learn that the sample was 33 percent Democrat, 23 percent Republican and 37 percent independent.

Jimmy, hours after kids in better-run homes are asleep, is still awake at 11 p.m., watching television or cowering from his loony parents and their party pals. If he is watching television, it's more likely to be "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo" than any program educational enough to help close the gap.

He may just be awake because he's too hungry to sleep. Jimmy gets free breakfast (if anyone bothers to get him to school early) and free lunch, but his growing body has forgotten a noon meal by 11 p.m.

He's not going to be attentive in school tomorrow, or ever.

Nationally, 75 percent of high school students graduate, but Jimmy will attend one of the 1,500 high schools in America where 60 percent don't. He'll be part of that 60 percent.

For most of history, that still might not be a disaster. Until the past few decades, there were jobs, in the fields or factories or the military, that a hardworking, uneducated person could make a living at. That's less and less true. The uneducated will find few spots in the workforce of the future.

Romney said, "My job is not to worry about those people." But they are quite worrisome.

Society will, one way or the other, pay Jimmy's adult bills. You could say, "Let him starve," but humans aren't programmed to starve willingly. Before he'll do that, he'll rob and steal and hurt and kill (perhaps you, or your family). Then he'll be in prison, and he'll cost society at least \$30,000 a year.

Which means you take that poll with a large grain of salt.

The party breakdown of the voters who showed up on Election Day in 2008 was roughly 39 percent Democrat, 32 percent Republican and 29 percent independent. In other words, the GOP share of The Post poll was even below GOP turnout for an election that heavily favored Democrats.

Few people believe this year's Democratic share of the vote will match '08 levels, but many of these news-organization polls are using samples that try to replicate the 2008 electorate.

That makes little sense. Consider two groups that were key to Obama's '08 victory—African-Americans and young voters. After nearly four years of feeble economic growth, the enthusiasm of both has undoubtedly waned.

Obama cannot again offer himself as the shining hope who will transform our politics. Most polls give Republicans a big edge in enthusiasm.

Pollsters surround themselves with technical gobbledegook but what they do is more art than science. They try to forecast the make-up of the electorate that will show up Nov. 6 and then construct a random sample of respondents with those characteristics, not only in terms of party preference but all sorts of criteria such as gender, age, racial composition and urban/rural split.

Many pollsters are guarded about how they "weight" their samples—what my political consultant friend called "the voodoo." But

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Alternatively, we could throw him \$2,000 a month for an apartment, food, beer and a decent gaming system, which would be cheaper than jail and might keep him from killing your kids and stealing Grandma's silver.

Before he grows up, we have to do everything possible in the field of "Jimmy Prevention"—and I'm talking laws and initiatives about school (all day, all year) attendance and parental behavior on a level that has never been seriously suggested in this country.

I don't honestly think any of this will work all that well, but I think we have a fiscal (and moral) obligation to try. The fewer failing Jimmys we have, the better. But I think we'll still have quite a few, no matter how hard we try to address issues of poverty and education. I know we'll have some. And there's no philosophy that will get us out of paying for them.

The political debate will only be whether the money goes to welfare, or to prisons.

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flaws in the sample aren't always hidden in the voodoo; they can be glaringly obvious, as in The Post poll cited above.

A CNN/ORC poll earlier this month, for example, had Obama up 52-46. Dean Chambers at Examiner.com looked at the fine print and discovered that only 4.2 percent of the sample was made up of independent voters, a group that has been solidly in the Romney camp. The other proportions were 50.4 percent Democrat and 45.4 percent Republican.

Compare those proportions to Rasmussen's August party-preference survey, which revealed an electorate 37.6 percent Republican, 33.3 percent Democrat, and 29.2 percent independent or "other." Chambers figured that properly weighted, the poll should have had Romney ahead of Obama 53-45.

So where is the race now? Probably where it has been for some time. Obama is slightly ahead, but the prize is still up for grabs—perhaps why all these polls are driving so many people nuts.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 88 ▼ 79
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Majuro	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 80

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Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲ 77 ▼ 65
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 78
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 74
London	Cloudy	▲ 59 ▼ 46
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 79
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 78 ▼ 57
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 76
New York	Thundershowers	▲ 81 ▼ 60
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 66
Paris	Showers	▲ 62 ▼ 48
Pusan	Windy	▲ 75 ▼ 64
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 83 ▼ 68
Salem	Sunny	▲ 78 ▼ 48
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 56
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79 ▼ 59
Tokyo	Windy	▲ 75 ▼ 71
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 65

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Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:06 AM	6:09 PM	Today	4:01 PM	3:19 AM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:09 PM	Friday	4:42 PM	4:11 AM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:08 PM	Saturday	5:22 PM	5:02 AM
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

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UA5062 4:50am 5:40am 1, 3, 5

UA5068 8:40am 9:30am Daily

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UA5076 3:10pm 4:00pm Daily

UA5078 6:50pm 7:40pm Daily

UA5072 9:55pm 10:45pm Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

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DL297 4:35pm 7:20pm Daily

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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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Business

Report: Americans feel more confident in economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans are more confident in the economy than they have been in seven months, an encouraging sign for President Barack Obama with six weeks left in the presidential race.

A new survey of consumer confidence rose Tuesday to its

highest level since February on expectations that hiring will soon pick up. And a separate report showed home values rising steadily, signaling sustained improvement in housing. "This is like an opinion poll on the economy without the political parties attached," said John Ryd-

ing, chief economist at RDQ Economics, a consulting firm. The confidence survey "says people are feeling better. If so, they are less likely to vote for change."

The Conference Board's index of consumer confidence shot up in September. The jump

surprised many economists because the most recent hiring and retail sales figures have been sluggish.

The increased confidence could help explain recent polls that show Obama with a widening lead over Mitt Romney in some battleground states.

The consumer confidence index is closely watched because consumer spending drives nearly 70 percent of economic activity. The index jumped from 61.3 for August to 70.3 for September. It remains well below 90, the level that is thought to signify a healthy economy.

Among those feeling more

optimistic about the economy is Darlene Johnson of Silver Spring, Md., who works for the National Institutes of Health. The value of Johnson's 401(k) account has risen. Home sales in her neighborhood have ticked up, too, and are commanding higher prices.

"I feel like things are stabilizing," she said. "I don't feel as uneasy as I did a few months ago."

But Johnson, who voted for Obama in 2008, remains undecided on which candidate to back. And she's still a bit nervous about the future.

"It will depend on how my

pockets are looking," she says. "Everyday circumstances will drive my decision on how I am going to vote."

Economists point to some key reasons why consumers have grown more confident.

Stocks are up: The Standard & Poor's 500 stock index has surged nearly 15 percent this year. Gas prices have leveled off after rising for several months. And the broad increase in home prices is likely giving would-be buyers more confidence. When prices rise, buyers don't worry so much that a home might lose value after they bought it.

Report: Premium hikes for top Medicare drug plans

WASHINGTON (AP)—Millions of seniors enrolled in some of the most popular Medicare prescription drug plans face double-digit premium hikes next year if they don't shop for a better deal, says a private firm that analyzes the highly competitive market.

Seven of the top 10 prescription plans are raising their premiums by 11 percent to 23 percent, according to a report this week by Avalere Health.

It's a reality check on a stream of upbeat Medicare announcements from the Obama administration, all against the backdrop of a hard-fought election. In August, officials had announced that the average premium for basic prescription drug coverage will stay the same in 2013, at \$30 a month.

The administration's number is accurate as an overall indicator for the entire market, but not very helpful to consumers individually since it doesn't reflect price swings in the real world.

"The average senior is going to benefit by carefully scrutinizing their situation, because every year the market changes," Avalere President Dan Mendelson said. Avalere crunched the numbers based on bid documents that the plans submitted to Medicare.

The report found premium increases for all top 10 prescription drug plans, known as PDPs. However, the most popular plan—AARP MedicareRx Preferred—is only going up 57 cents per month nationally, to \$40.42 from the current \$39.85.

President Barack Obama's health care law does not appear to be the cause of the increases. Indeed, the law is improving the prescription benefit by gradually closing a coverage gap called the "doughnut hole," which catches people with high drug costs. Instead, the price hikes appear to be driven by market dynamics, and some insurers are introducing new low-premium options to gain a competitive

advantage on plans that are raising their prices.

The seven plans with double-digit premium increases were: the Humana Walmart Preferred Rx Plan (23 percent); First Health Part D Premier (18 percent); First Health Part D Value Plus (17 percent); Cigna Medicare Rx Plan One (15 percent); Express Scripts Medicare-Value (13 percent); the HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan (12 percent); and Humana Enhanced (11 percent).

Another two plans in the top 10 also had single-digit increases. They were the Silver-Script Basic (8 percent) and WellCare Classic (3 percent).

On the plus side for consumers, a major new low-cost plan entered the market. Premiums for the AARP MedicareRx Saver Plus Plan will average \$15 a month nationally, although it won't be available everywhere. That's \$3.50 less than the current low-cost leader, the Humana Walmart plan, whose premiums are rising to \$18.50.



In this Monday, Sept. 10, 2012, photo, a woman talks to a clerk at a watch repair kiosk in Salem, N.H.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil falls as growth worries outweigh positive news

The price of oil fell to its lowest point in nearly two months Tuesday as persistent worries about the global economy overshadowed encouraging reports about U.S. consumer confidence and housing prices. Benchmark oil dropped 56 cents to end at \$91.37 per barrel in New York. That's the lowest price since Aug. 2. The Confidence Board's latest survey showed consumer confidence was at the highest level since February. That's significant because consumer spending drives about 70 percent of economic activity. But the reading of 70.3 for the Consumer Confidence Index remains well below the 90 that signals a healthy economy. (AP)

PepsiCo rolls out cola with stevia in Australia

NEW YORK (AP)—PepsiCo Inc. is launching a reduced-calorie soda in Australia that uses stevia, the first time the beverage maker is using the natural sweetener in its namesake cola. The Purchase, N.Y.-based company says the drink, called Pepsi Next, is also sweetened with sugar

and has 30 percent fewer calories than regular. The rollout follows the launch of Pepsi Next in the U.S. earlier this year. That version has about half as many calories of regular at 60 calories per can, but uses a mix of artificial sweeteners and high fructose corn syrup.

Pilots say American wants to resume contract talks

DALLAS (AP)—There could be progress in breaking the standoff between American Airlines and its pilots, which appears to have caused a spike in canceled and delayed flights. American officials have been saying they wanted to resume negotiations on a new labor contract, and they put that in writing this week at the request of the pilots' union. A union spokesman said the group's board will meet Wednesday to decide on the next step. Pilots and management at American have been bickering for years, but the conflict came to a head this month when a federal bankruptcy judge allowed the airline to break its contract with pilots. American set new pay and work rules that could lead to outsourcing more flying to other airlines.

BlackBerry maker plants seeds for comeback attempt

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—Research In Motion CEO Thorsten Heins is promising to restore the BlackBerry phone's stature as a trailblazing device even as many investors fret about its potential demise.

Heins took the stage Tuesday at a conference for mobile applications developers to rally support for the upcoming release of BlackBerry 10, a new operating system that Research In Motion Ltd. is touting as its salvation after years of blundering wiped out some \$80 billion in shareholder wealth.

With BlackBerry 10 still four to six months away from hitting the market, Tuesday's gathering in San Jose, Calif. felt more like a revival meeting than a product preview. RIM, which is based in Canada, has been laying off

thousands of workers to offset mounting losses after being outmaneuvered by iPhone maker Apple Inc. and other phone makers relying on Google Inc.'s Android software.

"We recognize the need for change," said Heins, who was promoted to CEO eight months ago as RIM's troubles deepened. "There is a new energy and a lot of fighting spirit at RIM."

RIM aimed its message of hope and resilience at an audience of app developers because those programmers hold one of the biggest keys to its future. The success of the iPhone has proven that a broad selection of apps that make smartphones more fun and convenient can help drive sales of the devices.

One of the BlackBerry's big-

gest shortcomings has been its relatively small inventory of apps. RIM says BlackBerry has about 105,000 apps, which pales next to the more than 700,000 apps in Apple's iTunes store. Google's Play store is stocked with more than 600,000 apps.

RIM is wooing app developers by offering them more tools to work with on BlackBerry 10 and offering financial incentives to persuade them they will make money on the new platform. The company told developers Tuesday that they can start submitting BlackBerry 10 apps for approval on Oct. 10. The new system already plans to feature built-in apps from four popular digital networking services—Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Foursquare.



LEADING INDICATORS

DOW

13,457.55
-101.37
-0.75%

S&P

1,441.58
-15.30
-1.05%

NASDAQ

3,117.73
-43.06
-1.36%

EXCHANGE RATES

	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7535	Philippine Peso	41.898
Australian Dollar	0.9647	Indian Rupee	53.5225	Singapore Dollar
British Pound	0.6177	Indonesian Rupiah	9598.75	South Korean Won
Canadian Dollar	0.9803	Japanese Yen	77.7455	Swiss Franc
Chinese Yuan	6.3057	Malaysian Ringgit	3.0787	Taiwan Dollar
Euro	0.7752	New Zealand Dollar	1.2184	Thailand Baht

Nation

Romney, Obama zero in on Ohio, a GOP must-win

VANDALIA, Ohio (AP)—Ohio has emerged as the presidential race's undisputed focus. Barack Obama and Mitt Romney are making multiple stops this week alone in a state that's trending toward the president, endangering Romney's White House hopes.

The popularity of Obama's auto industry bailout and a better-than-average local economy are undermining Romney's call for Ohioans to return to their GOP-leaning ways, which were crucial to George W. Bush's two elections. Ohio has 18 electoral votes, seventh most in the nation, and no Republican has won the White House without carrying it.

Romney is scrambling to reverse the polls that show Obama ahead. On Tuesday, he made the first of his four planned Ohio stops this week, joining his running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, for a rally near Dayton. On Wednesday, Obama will visit the college towns of Kent and Bowling Green, and Romney's bus tour will stop in the Columbus, Cleveland and Toledo areas.

"If this president persists on the road of making it harder and harder for small businesses to grow and thrive, he's going to slowly but surely weaken our economy and turn us into Greece," Romney told supporters Tuesday in Vandalia. He said the Obama administration has put government between patients and their doctors, and is picking winners and losers in private business.

"That is not the America that built Ohio!" Romney declared.



Supporters listen during a campaign rally for Republican presidential candidate former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and his running mate Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012, at Wright Brothers Aviation in Vandalia, Ohio.

His tone was urgent, but the points were standard campaign language from Romney. His allies hope they will start resonating in this crucial state.

Not even Florida has seen as many presidential TV campaign ads as Ohio, and neither nominee goes very long without visiting or talking about the state. When Obama touted his "decision to save the auto industry" on CBS' "60 Minutes" on Sun-

day, he mentioned not the major car-making state of Michigan but Ohio, which focuses more on car parts. "One in eight jobs in Ohio is dependent on the auto industry," Obama said.

Four new polls underscore Romney's serious problems in Ohio. Surveys by NBC and Fox News found Obama ahead by 7 percentage points. A poll by a group of Ohio newspapers showed him leading by 5. And

a Washington Post poll released Tuesday found the president leading Romney by 8 points. All of Obama's leads were outside the polls' margins of error.

One problem for Romney is that Ohio's 7.2 percent unemployment rate is below the national average, as the Republican governor, John Kasich, of-

Chemist's education questioned in drug lab scandal

BOSTON (AP)—A chemist whose alleged mishandling of drug samples has thrown thousands of criminal cases into question testified under oath that she holds a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Massachusetts, but school officials say they have no record of her receiving an advanced degree or taking graduate courses there.

Defense attorneys say that if Annie Dookhan lied about receiving a master's degree, it causes even more credibility problems for her work at the lab.

"If, in fact, she falsified her education or qualifications, we are even more deeply concerned about what she might have done in terms of testing the drugs," said Anne Goldbach, forensics services director for the Committee for Public Counsel Services, the state's public defender agency.

State police say Dookhan tested more than 60,000 drug samples submitted in the cases of about 34,000 defendants during her nine years at the lab.

She resigned in March amid an internal investigation by the Department of Public Health. After state police took over the lab in July as part of a state budget directive, they said they discovered her violations were much more extensive than previously believed and went beyond sloppiness into "malfeasance" and "deliberate mishandling" of drug samples.

Dookhan has not responded to repeated requests for comments from The Associated Press. No one appeared to be at her home in Franklin on Tuesday. Her husband and her father did not respond to requests for comment on her claim that she received a master's degree.

Asked about her educational background when she testified under oath during the 2010 trial of Larry Blue, a Boston man charged with cocaine trafficking and weapons offenses, Dookhan said she had a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and a master's degree in chemistry, both from the University of Massachusetts.

DeWayne Lehman, a spokes-

man for UMass-Boston, confirmed that Dookhan received a bachelor of science in biochemistry from the school in 2001 but said there is no record of her receiving a master's degree in chemistry, as she listed on her resume and said in sworn testimony, according to a transcript.

"We have no record of her doing subsequent graduate work at our campus," Lehman said.

The registrar's office at UMass-Boston also said it had no record of her receiving a master's degree, as did officials at UMass campuses in Lowell, North Dartmouth and Amherst. The Worcester campus does not offer a master's degree program in chemistry.

A spokesman for the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, which had overseen the lab, said Dookhan deliberately misled officials about her qualifications. He said she was hired Nov. 3, 2003, for a Chemist I position after meeting the minimum entrance requirements and was reclassified a Chemist II two years later.

Nyaneur Pal, a 30-year-old immigrant from Sudan. They also said he had deficient legal help at his trial and in early stages of his appeals and argued his case deserved a closer look.

Foster, 48, also was charged

but never tried for the rape-

slaying a few months earlier of

another woman in Fort Worth,

Rachel Urnosky.

In the seconds before the single lethal dose of pentobarbital began, Foster expressed love to his family and to God.

"When I close my eyes, I'll be with the father," he said.

"God is everything. He's my life. Tonight I'll be with him."

He did not proclaim innocence or admit guilt. He did turn to relatives of his

Texas executes ex-Army recruiter after 3 reprieves

HUNTSVILLE, Texas

(AP)—A former Army recruiter failed to win a fourth reprieve from the U.S. Supreme Court and was executed Tuesday evening in Texas for participating in the shooting death of a woman he and a buddy met 10 years ago at a bar.

Cleve Foster was pronounced dead at 6:43 p.m. CDT, 25 minutes after his lethal injection began and two hours after the high court refused to postpone his punishment.

Three times last year the justices stopped his scheduled punishment, once when he was moments from being led to the death chamber.

His attorneys argued he was innocent of the 2002 slaying of

two victims, saying, "I don't know what you're going to be feeling tonight. I pray we'll all meet in heaven."

As the drugs began taking effect and while he was repeatedly saying he loved his family, he began snoring, then he stopped breathing.

Three of the nine Supreme Court justices—Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor—would have stopped the punishment, the court indicated in its brief ruling.

Last year—in January, April and September—the justices did intervene and halted his execution, once only moments before he could have been led to the death chamber.

ACROSS THE NATION

2 sheriff's deputies, suspect shot near San Diego

LAKESIDE, Calif. (AP)—Two sheriff's deputies and a suspected child molester were injured Tuesday during a 15-minute shootout in suburban San Diego, authorities said. Daniel Robert Witczak, 30, opened fire as a team of deputies arrived to investigate allegations of child abuse, the sheriff's department said in a statement. Sgt. Craig Johnson and Detective Ali Perez were wounded in the exchange of gunfire at an apartment in Lakeside, a semi-rural community east of San Diego. Sheriff Bill Gore declined to specify their injuries but said in the statement that the department was "hopeful and cautious"

ly optimistic" about their recovery.

Ala. council stops work on Confederate statue

SELMA, Ala. (AP)—Council members in an Alabama city voted Tuesday to stop a group's work on a new monument honoring a Confederate general who was an early leader in the Ku Klux Klan. The Selma City Council voted 4-0 with two members abstaining to stop all work on the monument to Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest until the courts decide whether the city or a Confederate heritage group owns the cemetery property where the monument would be rebuilt. The vote came after a group of protesters marched to City Hall.

Asia

Japan trades words with China, water with Taiwan

BEIJING (AP)—Japanese and Taiwanese ships shot water cannon at each other Tuesday in the latest confrontation over tiny islands in the East China Sea, as Japan met with another rival, China, in an effort to tamp down tensions.

About 40 Taiwanese fishing boats and 12 patrol boats entered waters near the islands on Tuesday morning, briefly triggering an exchange of water cannon fire with Japanese coast guard ships. Coast guard officials said the Taiwanese vessels had ignored warnings to get out of their territory, and the Taiwanese ships pulled back after being fired upon.

It was Taiwan's first foray into the waters around the un-

inhabited islands, known as Senkaku in Japan and Diaoyu in China, since the Japanese government purchased some of them from private owners two weeks ago. China, Japan and Taiwan all claim the islands, but they are administered by Tokyo.

The purchase has sparked sometimes violent protests in China and informal boycotts of Japanese products. Many Chinese have canceled vacations to Japan over the dispute. Japanese airline JAL says it plans to cut six flights a day from Japan to Beijing and Shanghai from Oct. 10 to 27 after the canceling of 15,500 seat reservations.

China has also dispatched government marine monitoring vessels to patrol around the islands.

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Zhijun and Japanese Vice Foreign Minister Chikao Kawai, flanked by their aides, held a meeting on the dispute Tuesday at China's Foreign Ministry.

While the talks were under way, China's Cabinet, the State Council, released a white paper via the official Xinhua News Agency on the history of the islands, part of a propaganda blitz aimed at bolstering China's claim.

After the four-hour meeting, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said both sides exchanged views "frankly and deeply" and agreed to continue discussions. He reiterated that "China will never tolerate Japan's unilateral acts which violate China's territorial sovereignty."



In this photo released by Taiwan's Central News Agency, Japan Coast Guard patrol boats spray their water cannons towards a Taiwan Coast Guard patrol boat and Taiwanese fishing boats near the disputed islands called Senkaku in Japan and Diaoyu in China, in the East China Sea, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012.

China says first aircraft carrier entering service

BEIJING (AP)—China formally entered its first aircraft carrier into service on Tuesday, underscoring its ambitions to be a leading Asian naval power, although the ship is not expected to carry a full complement of planes or be ready for combat for some time.

The Defense Ministry's announcement had been long expected and was not directly linked to current tensions with Japan over a disputed group of uninhabited islands in the East China Sea.

In a brief notice on its website, the ministry said the

carrier's commissioning significantly boosted the navy's combat capabilities and its ability to cooperate in responding to natural disasters and other non-traditional threats.

"It has important significance in effectively safeguarding national sovereignty, security, and development benefits, and advancing world peace and common development," the statement said.

China had partly justified the launching of a carrier by pointing out that it alone among the five permanent United Nations Security Council members had

no such craft. That had been particularly glaring given the constant presence in Asia of carriers operated by the U.S. Navy, which maintains 11 worldwide.

President Hu Jintao, also chairman of the commission that controls the military, presided over a ceremony Tuesday morning at the ship's home port of Dalian, along with Premier Wen Jiabao and top generals. Hu "fully affirmed" the efforts of those working on the ship and called on them to complete all remaining tasks according to the highest standard, the Defense Ministry said.

China had partly justified the launching of a carrier by pointing out that it alone among the five permanent United Nations Security Council members had

be binding only for countries that formally adopt them in a protocol to the treaty.

"We are calling on Asian leaders to defend the livelihoods of 10 million tobacco farmers in the region by rejecting WHO-FCTC's absurd guidelines," said Asuncion Lopez, ITGA's Asia spokeswoman.

Anti-tobacco groups criticized the ITGA, saying the tobacco job losses due to control measures are nothing compared to the millions of lives lost due to smoking.

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Asian farmers launched a campaign Tuesday opposing international tobacco treaty measures they say could devastate the livelihood of the region's 10 million tobacco growers.

The International Tobacco Growers Association said the campaign by its Asia chapter includes an online petition and YouTube testimonials urging governments to reject some of the proposals being developed under the World Health Organization treaty.

World

Obama summons world leaders to reject extremism

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Confronting global tumult and Muslim anger, President Barack Obama exhorted world leaders Tuesday to stand fast against violence and extremism, arguing that protecting religious rights and free speech must be a universal responsibility and not just an American obligation.

"The impulse towards intolerance and violence may initially be focused on the West, but over time it cannot be contained," Obama warned the U.N. General Assembly in an urgent call to action underscored by the high stakes for all nations.

The gloomy backdrop for Obama's speech—a world riven by deadly protests against an anti-Islamic video, by war in Syria, by rising tension over a nuclear Iran and



more—marked the dramatic shifts that have occurred in the year since the General Assembly's last ministerial meeting, when democratic uprisings in the Arab world created a sense of excitement and optimism. Obama had tough words for Iran and condemned anew the violence in Syria as Bashar al-Assad tries to retain power.

Six weeks before the U.S. presidential election, an unmistakable campaign element framed Obama's speech as well: The president's Republican rival, Mitt Romney, has tried to cast him as a weak leader on the world stage, too quick to apologize for American values.

Romney, speaking at a Clinton Global Initiative forum just miles from the U.N., avoided direct criticism of Obama in deference to the apolitical settings of the day,

but he said he hoped to return a year later "as president, having made substantial progress" on democratic reforms.

Obama, likewise, avoided direct politicking in his speech but offered a pointed contrast to his GOP opponent's caught-on-tape comment that there is little hope for peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

"Among Israelis and Palestinians," Obama said, "the future must not belong to those who turn their backs on a prospect of peace."

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's opening state-of-the-world speech to the General Assembly's presidents, prime ministers and monarchs sketched the current time as one when "too often, divisions are exploited for short-term political gain" and "too many people are ready to take small flames of indifference and turn them into a bonfire."

Egypt's new President Morsi debuts at UN

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Egypt's new President Mohammed Morsi debuts at the United Nations on Wednesday with a speech that will be closely watched by world leaders for clues about his democratic intentions and plans for lifting his country out of crippling poverty.

Morsi, an Islamist and key figure in the once-banned Muslim Brotherhood, is the first democratically elected leader of the ancient land at the heart of the Arab world, and is now trying to steer the country's transition to democracy.

He is one of a pair of Arab leaders who will be making their first appearances at the U.N. General Assembly's annual ministerial meeting after being swept into power in the Arab Spring revolutions. Also

taking the podium will be Yemen's President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who took office in February after more than a year of political turmoil and is now trying to steer the country's transition to democracy.

The Egyptian leader previewed his General Assembly remarks in a speech delivered Tuesday at former President Bill Clinton's Global Initiative. Addressing the violence that raged across the Muslim world in response to a video produced in the U.S. that denigrated Islam's Prophet Muhammad, Morsi said freedom of expression must come with "responsibility."

He appeared to have been responding to President Barack Obama's General Assembly speech earlier Tues-

day in which the U.S. leader again condemned the video but sternly defended the U.S. Constitution's guarantees of free speech.

At least 51 people were killed in violence that erupted last week in Muslim countries, including the U.S. ambassador to Libya and three other Americans targeted in an attack on the American consulate in Benghazi.

Morsi did not explain what limitations he felt should be placed on free speech but said the video and the violent reaction to it demanded "reflection." He said freedom of expression must be linked with responsibility, "especially when it comes with serious implications for international peace and stability."

Death of Libyan rebel raises calls for vengeance

MISRATA, Libya (AP)—One of the young Libyan rebels credited with capturing Moammar Gadhafi in a drainage ditch nearly a year ago died Tuesday of injuries after being kidnapped, beaten and slashed by the late dictator's supporters—the latest victim of persistent violence and instability in the North African country.

The death of Omran Shaaban,

panions in July near the town of Bani Walid.

Libya is battling lingering pockets of support for the old regime, and its government has been unable to rein in armed militias in a country rife with weapons. Earlier this month, a demonstration at the U.S. Consulate in the eastern city of Benghazi turned violent, killing four Americans, including the U.S. ambassador.

Shaaban was praised as a "dutiful martyr" by the National Congress, although his family says he never received a promised reward of 1 million Libyan dinars (\$800,000) for capturing Gadhafi on Oct. 20, 2011, in the former leader's hometown of Sirte. The ec-

centric dictator was killed later that day by revolutionary fighters.

The Libyan government said it would honor Shaaban with a funeral befitting a hero. His body was greeted at the airport in his hometown of Misrata by more than 10,000 people for a procession to a soccer stadium for funeral prayers.

Photos on social media websites showed a wooden coffin with a glass window that revealed Shaaban's face, with white gauze covering his head.

In the capital of Tripoli, several hundred protesters gathered outside the headquarters of the National Congress to demand that the government avenge Shaaban's death.

Environment

Measures to reduce stormwater runoff

By MARY BETH BRECKENRIDGE
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When it rains, it pours—and sometimes it floods or pollutes.

That's the problem with stormwater runoff, a condition that happens when rain falls so fast or heavily that it can't be absorbed by the earth.

Stormwater runoff has become an increasing problem as development creates more hard surfaces like roofs, parking lots and even compacted lawns that interfere with natural drainage, said Sandy Barbic, education specialist with the Summit (Ohio) Soil and Water Conservation District. It has also become a hot topic in places like Northeast Ohio, where sewage systems are proposing or assessing fees to deal with runoff and its effects.

Stormwater poses a number of problems, Barbic said. For one thing, it picks up pollutants such as oil and pesticides as it rushes over the ground, carrying those pollutants to bodies of water—either directly or through storm sewers.

Runoff can also cause erosion, and the dirt that's collected

along the way can cause problems in bodies of water by fouling habitats, blocking sunlight and settling on the bottom, raising the base so there's less room for water and more chance of flooding.

Nitrogen and phosphorus in the runoff can promote growth of algae, which use up oxygen when they die and decay, Barbic said. That leaves less oxygen to support aquatic life.

And in areas with combined storm and sanitary sewers, stormwater can overwhelm the sewers and cause overflows and backups into basements.

While governments wrestle with managing runoff on a big scale, homeowners can make their own dents in the problem by capturing or diverting stormwater. Besides benefiting the Earth, mitigation will reduce stormwater management fees for homeowners in some areas.

Here are some of the methods you can use.

RAIN BARRELS

A rain barrel is an old-fashioned idea that's getting new respect. The barrel typically ties into a downspout and collects rain-



City of Cuyahoga Falls Rain Garden Reserve on Sixth Street is pictured, August 31, 2012, in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

water coming off a roof, so the water can be reused for purposes such as watering plants and washing cars.

Most rain barrels hold about 50 to 75 gallons, only a fraction of the water that can fall on a roof in a heavy rain. (One inch of rain provides 600 gallons for

every 1,000 square feet of roof, rain barrel proponents note.) But rain barrels can be linked together to increase capacity.

The water they capture is free of the chlorine and salts used in treating water, and its pH is neutral. That makes the water better for plants, proponents say.

Rain barrels need to be level so they fill evenly, and they work better if they're elevated on a base so gravity adds some force to the water as it flows out a spigot near the barrel's bottom, said Jeff Taiclet, a Randolph Township, Ohio, resident who leads workshops on rain-barrel construction. A pump can be added to increase the water pressure.

The base must be strong enough to support one or more barrels, which weigh 400 to 500 pounds when full, Taiclet said. He suggested making the base of cinder blocks, lumber or an edging of pavers filled with pea gravel.

Be prepared for some maintenance, Taiclet said. Algae can form if the barrel is made of a white or clear drum that sunlight can penetrate, he said. All barrels need to be removed and stored in winter and the downspout reconnected, he said.

An overview on rain barrels is at www.rainbarrelguide.com. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation offers instructions for building a rain barrel at www.cbf.org/document.doc?id=30.

RAIN GARDENS

Rain gardens use nature's forces to collect and clean stormwater runoff.

Rain gardens are collections of native plants in slight depressions that are strategically situated to collect runoff. They're designed to hold the water just long enough to let it percolate into the soil, where it's filtered

www.tinkerscreekwatershed.org/documents/RGManual.pdf. Other helpful resources are Rain-gardens.org and the Central Ohio Rain Garden Initiative (www.centralohioraingardens.org).

PERMEABLE PAVEMENT

Unlike traditional pavement that sheds rainwater in sheets, permeable pavement lets water flow through it and into the ground. It's sometimes used in commercial settings to reduce runoff from large parking lots, but it can also be used to replace residential patios, driveways and walkways.

The term permeable is often used to describe any type of flow-through paving, but used precisely, it's only one kind, said Rich Sherer, paving products manager for the Belden Brick Co. in Canton, Ohio. Other types are called porous or pervious, terms that describe how the water gets through the surface.

Strictly speaking, permeable products such as Belden's Aqua-Bric pavers are hard pavers designed so water can flow through the joints between them. Porous and pervious surfaces include concrete and asphalt specially made to let water drain through the material itself, more like a sponge.

The products require engineered bases that can hold and filter the runoff and that take into consideration such aspects as the load, the type of traffic and the soil type, Sherer said. Consequently, all types of what's broadly called permeable paving are costlier alternatives to traditional methods.

The surfaces need to be cleaned regularly to remove leaves, sediment and other debris that can interfere with drainage. Experts, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, also note that porous pavement is prone to failure, especially if it's improperly designed or installed.



Permeable pavement runs through a City of Cuyahoga Falls Rain Garden Reserve on Sixth Street, August 31, 2012, in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

5th Year Death Anniversary

We, the family of the late

Manuel Terlaje Castro



Humbly invite all of our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.

Daily masses will be offered at San Vicente Church starting on September 28, 2012 and will end on October 06, 2012.

The following are the mass schedules:

September 28, 2012 Friday 6:00 p.m.
September 29, 2012 Saturday 6:00 p.m.
September 30, 2012 Sunday 9: 00 a.m.

October 1, 2012 – October 5, 2012 Monday to Friday 6:00 p.m.

On the final day Saturday, October 6, 2012, mass will be offered at 6:00am. Breakfast will be served at San Vicente Church Social Hall immediately after mass.

Your presence and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Ginen I Familia

Life & Style

No Doubt ready to rock again after making babies

By MARK KENNEDY
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NEW YORK (AP)—When the members of No Doubt got together again to make new music, something unexpected came with them: a bit of doubt.

It had been 11 years since they'd put out "Rock Steady" and their priorities had changed. Each of the four had gotten married and had kids, producing eight babies between them. Music was no longer the most important thing in their lives.

Could they still make it work?

"That's pretty complicated stuff when you start to really look at it," 42-year-old lead singer and lyricist Gwen Stefani says. "You're playing this role your whole life—the singer of No Doubt—totally committed to this in the greatest kind of way, and then all of a sudden, you're saying, 'Actually, you guys cannot be No. 1 anymore or else this is not going to work.'"

The band has somehow made it work. They return this month with their first studio CD in over a decade—"Push and Shove," which blends their signature mix of ska and British New



Gwen Stefani and Tom Dumont of No Doubt perform at the iHeart Radio Music Festival on Friday, Sept., 21, 2012 at the MGM Grand Arena in Las Vegas.

Wave with lyrics that reveal some anguish at their new lives.

"Here we go again/Are you insane?" Stefani sings in first single "Settle Down." "Don't get me started/I'm trying to get a hold on this/Get in line and settle down."

"I think a lot of the record I'm writing about being over-

whelmed by trying to do all these things at one time," Stefani says. "You just never know when you become a mom what it's really going to be like. It's so different than you think."

In an interview at a downtown recording studio, the bandmates reveal few outward signs that it's been 26 years since No Doubt

formed. They all still wear eyeliner, have their hair bleached or in a mohawk—or both—and are stick-figure thin. Stefani herself seems to have defied time and can rock a midriff-baring top better than ever. Only their lunch leftovers—salmon, sliced fruit and healthy veggies—hint that they're all in their 40s.

New memoir from actor and traveler Andrew McCarthy

By ALICIA RANCILIO
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NEW YORK (AP)—Twenty years ago, actor Andrew McCarthy read a book about walking the Camino de Santiago, the ancient pilgrimage route in Spain, and it inspired him to walk the Camino himself.

"That sort of changed the way I felt in the world and it helped me stop being afraid of the world," recalled McCarthy, 49. "It helped me realize travel obliterates fear."

McCarthy, whose best-known films include his work as part of Hollywood's "Brat Pack" in "Pretty in Pink" and "St. Elmo's



McCarthy

Fire," is now an acclaimed travel writer for major magazines (he admits that he's lucky to have "the two best jobs in the world" as both an actor and a writer). And he's just written his own book about travel called "The Longest Way Home: One Man's Quest for the Courage to Settle Down." He sums up his conflicts over settling down as, "I want to be alone and I want to be with you," and says he resolved the conflict "the way I answer all questions in my life, by traveling."

Here's more from McCarthy,

who is married and the father of two children, about travel:

AP: Are your children good travelers?

McCARTHY: Everything to them is an adventure. My kids love the plane. They

love going through security. I mean, there are very few melt-downs when we travel and most of them are mine. I took my son to the Sahara when I was doing a story and he had an incredible experience in the Sahara. We had a 12-hour car ride through the wilds of Morocco and at home if we were in the car for more than 20 minutes, he would've had an issue, but he is fantastic, you know? As long as I supplied him with Coca Cola, he was great.

AP: Any place you don't like?

McCARTHY: Very rarely do I get to a spot where I'm like, 'This is awful.' It's usually me that's awful in the spot and then when I have something to eat usually, or maybe a nap, I come back, 'Oh, yeah, no. This is OK.' I find anywhere interesting. ... You know I was recently in Sudan and I found that endless and fascinating. I would love to go back to Sudan. I've been to a lot of places, I was in Mozambique recently and it was just ravaged parts of it and I found it fascinating.

AP: Do you plan for trips?

McCARTHY: I like to know what story I'm planning to write before I go and then invariably it changes. I find, like with anything, it's like with the acting,

the more prepared you are, the more you can throw that out the window with surprises to happen, do you know what I mean? When I'm just on my own, I just go. I just show up without a reservation. I just arrive and figure it out. I like that.

AP: How did you start writing about travel?

McCARTHY: It started because I met the editor at *National Geographic Traveler* and I convinced him after much cajoling to let me write a piece for them. Eventually I said, 'Let me write it, if it doesn't work, you don't pay me.' And he went, 'I can live with that.' So I did a piece for him and that worked out so I did more for *Traveler* and then my editor there, I kept pitching him so much he said, 'Look, go write for some other people, would you?' So I started writing for the *Atlantic*, the *Times* and numerous things and nobody really put together that it was the actor Andrew McCarthy writing.

AP: How does travel affect you?

McCARTHY: People think they're going to escape and have a vacation (but) people always have meltdowns on vacation. You go, you leave everything you know that you've safely constructed to keep yourself from having any anxiety and you go to a beach and you lay there and all you have is your mind. How can you not think that's gonna be a stressful experience? I always think travel is not about escape at all, it's about confronting yourself.

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Cast: Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams

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Cast: Jennifer Lawrence, Elisabeth Shue

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Resident Evil: Retribution 3D

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Cast: Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez

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Finding Nemo 3D

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Cast: Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Willem Dafoe

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Children's/family • Rated G



The Possession

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Breakup of long marriage may be only short-term

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I just got some shocking news. His father—age 81—is leaving his wife of 60 years! Mom is not entirely self-sufficient and seems dependent on him.

Dad found himself a younger woman—a “chick” of 70. He has announced that he still has sexual needs and wants to enjoy the rest of his life. My husband thinks it will be a short-term fling and he’ll return to Mom, but she says she won’t be taking him back. (Who knows how she’ll feel later?)

My problem is, no matter what happens between them, I’m having a hard time even considering forgiving him for his selfishness. I know it’s not my place as his daughter-in-law, but I don’t know how I can bring myself to face him feeling as I do. Any words of wisdom?

JUDGMENTAL JUDY IN ARIZONA

DEAR JUDGMENTAL JUDY: I do have a few. If your mother-in-law hasn’t already done so, make sure she gets the best legal advice possible. After 60 years of marriage, there should be plenty of assets to split. They will make her financially independent, and from that, emotional independence will follow. Do not count her out as a weak sister just yet because she appears to be stronger than you think.

While it’s possible your father-in-law may want to reunite after the fling, it is equally possible that when the “chick” sees his nest egg is cracked in half, he will be less appealing to her. Only time will tell. In the meantime, keep the peace, bide your time, and as tempting as it may be to voice everything that’s on your mind, keep your lip zipped. This isn’t your marriage, so don’t stir the pot.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to “Tom,” the love of my life, for four years. We have been together more than 10 years and have a 2-year-old daughter.

Tom was diagnosed with a terminal illness early last year and is close to the end now. He’s very angry, which I understand, but he takes it out on me since I am his caregiver. I’m also a full-time student about to graduate with my degree in registered nursing, so I’m busy all the time.

Between school, my daughter and giving full care to my husband, I’m stressed out. He yells a lot about everything, from money woes to the wrong bread on his sandwich. To top it off, we haven’t been intimate since our daughter was born.

I’m not considering straying from our marriage, but at times I feel I’ll be ready to date as soon as he’s gone. It makes me feel guilty. Is it wrong to feel this way? Do you have any advice to help me through this tragic time in our lives?

DEPRESSED AND LONELY IN MICHIGAN

DEAR DEPRESSED: Yes. Stop beating yourself up for experiencing human emotions at a time when you’re hauling a load that would crush an ox. Of COURSE your husband is angry. He has good reason to be—but he’s misdirecting it on you.

Guilt is the last thing you need to add to what you’re dealing with. It’s normal to crave the closeness you haven’t experienced in two years.

If there are counseling services offered at your nursing school, please avail yourself of them. Venting your feelings in a supportive environment will lighten your load and help you cope with your husband. There are also online support groups for caregivers. If you reach out in either direction, you’ll feel better. It could also be helpful to ask your husband’s doctor for a referral to someone who does end-of-life counseling for him.

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Dear Abby

PSY finds his success with ‘Gangnam Style’ unreal

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean rapper PSY finds his success with “Gangnam Style” so unreal that he wonders if he’s being tricked into believing it—like Jim Carrey in “The Truman Show.”

PSY said Tuesday in a press conference in Seoul that he cried in disbelief when his song entered the Billboard 100 earlier this month. The 34-year-old now says he’ll go topless in joy

on a stage if “Gangnam Style” tops the chart. The song’s at number 11 this week.

The music video for “Gangnam Style” has more than 270 million YouTube views and counting. People around the world are mimicking PSY’s horse-riding dance in the video.

In the 1998 movie “The Truman Show,” Carrey plays a man unaware that he lives in a reality television show.



South Korean rapper PSY, who sings the popular “Gangnam Style” song, dances after his press conference in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012.

Alicia Keys sings to the heavens

MANCHESTER, England (AP)—Alicia Keys has been getting in touch with her spiritual side, headlining “MTV Crashes Manchester” in the city’s cathedral.

The 14-time Grammy Award winning singer and songwriter said performing in a place of worship was “a real honor” and added that there was “an energy there that’s very different.”

Alongside old favorites, Keys on Monday night treated the 1,000-strong U.K. crowd to songs from her highly anticipated new album “Girl on Fire,” saying afterward that it was incredible to see people get into the new tracks.

Since releasing her debut album “Songs in A Minor” Keys has sold more than 30 million albums worldwide. “Girl on Fire” is set for release Nov. 26.

This image made available Tuesday Sept. 25, 2012 by MTV Crashes Manchester shows Alicia Keys headlining “MTV Crashes Manchester” in the city’s cathedral, Manchester, England Monday night Sept. 24, 2012.

AP



ABC’s next ‘Bachelor’ is ‘Bachelorette’ castoff Lowe

LOS ANGELES (AP)—ABC says the next star of “The Bachelor” will be Sean Lowe, who was dumped on “The Bachelorette.”

The network says the 28-year-old Dallas businessman will be the one doing the choosing when “The Bachelor” returns for its 17th edition.

On the eighth edition of “The Bachelorette,” Lowe confessed his love for Emily Maynard but

was eliminated just before the finale.

ABC says Lowe is ready to look for love again and confident he will find his soul mate. He was a linebacker for Kansas State and worked in finance and insurance before starting a custom furniture business.

“The Bachelor” is hosted by Chris Harrison and returns in January.



This undated publicity image provided by ABC shows Sean Lowe, the 28-year-old star of the next edition of ABC’s popular romance reality series, “The Bachelor,” returning for its 17th season in January 2013.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Willie Nelson pens new memoir for release Nov. 13

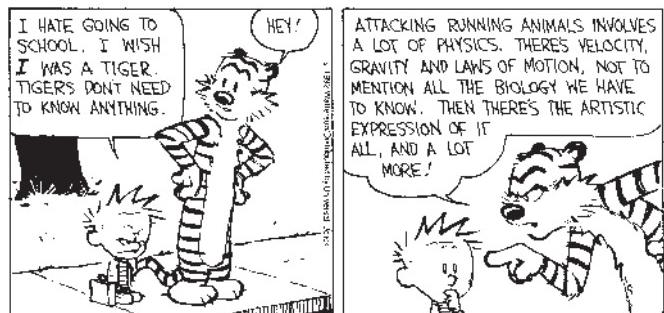
NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Willie Nelson has proven to be one of America’s most prolific songwriters. Turns out he’s no slouch when it comes to memoirs, either: He has a new one due in November. Nelson will release “Roll Me Up And Smoke Me When I Die” on Nov. 13. Publisher William Morrow says the American music icon will tell never-before-heard stories about his life, family, music, politics, Texas, religion and favorite recreational activity. A news release says the book will include contributions from family and friends, artwork by his son Micah and a forward by author, musician and friend Kinky Friedman. Nelson has published a number of books on several topics since his first autobiography in 1988.

Juan Luis Guerra leads Latin Grammy nominees

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dominican singer, songwriter and producer Juan Luis Guerra is the leading nominee at the 2012 Latin Grammy Awards. A host of Latin music artists filled the Belasco Theater stage in Los Angeles Tuesday to announce the Latin Recording Academy’s nominations for its 13th annual Latin Grammy honors. Mexican pop duo Jesse & Joy, Colombian rocker Juanes and Norteno group Los Tucanes de Tijuana were among the musicians participating. Several of the presenters were also nominees. Guerra, who wasn’t on stage, has six nods, followed by Jesse & Joy with five. Juanes, Ricardo Arjona, Edgar Barrera, Carla Morrison, Arturo Sandoval, Ivete Sangalo and Caetano Veloso earned four nominations apiece. The Latin Grammy Awards are to be presented Nov. 15 at the Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas and broadcast live on Univision.

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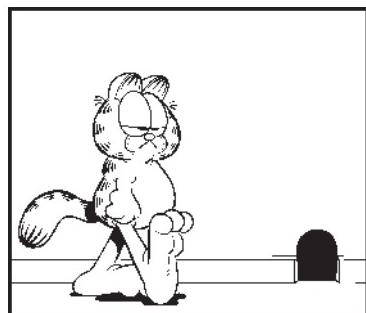
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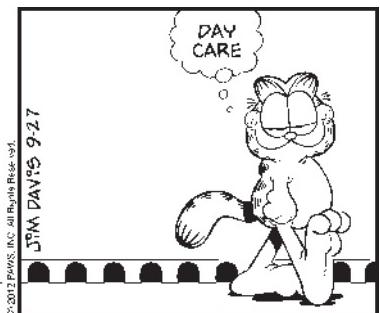
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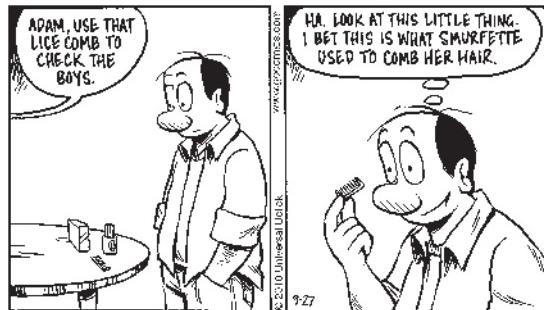
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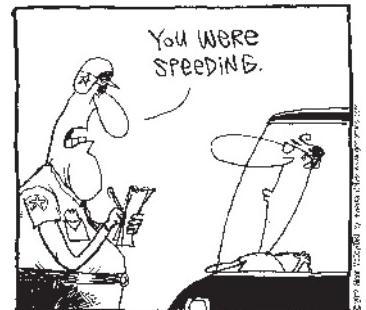
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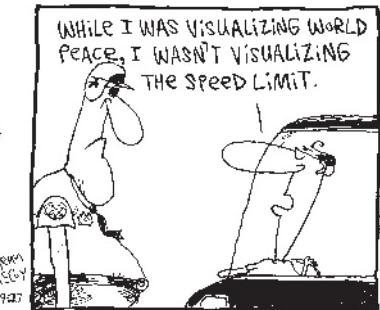
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Plaintiff,	FIRST
-v-	AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
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NFL upholds Seahawks' disputed win over Packers



AP
Officials signal after Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Golden Tate pulled in a last-second pass for a touchdown from quarterback Russell Wilson to defeat the Green Bay Packers 14-12 in an NFL football game, Monday, Sept. 24, 2012, in Seattle.

NEW YORK (AP)—The NFL put its stamp of approval on the still-smoldering outcome of the Green Bay-Seattle game:

Wrong call.

Right review.

Wrong team still wins.

Seahawks 14, Packers 12.

With frustration mounting among coaches, players and fans, the worst fear finally materialized: a mistake by a replacement official would decide the outcome of a game.

It came while the NFL and its regular officials, locked out since June, were in resumed talks in an attempt to resolve the impasse.

That was still a day late for the Packers.

The fiasco, which unfolded on the prominent stage of "Monday Night Football," was deconstructed by the league Tuesday in a way that surely rendered little comfort for Cheeseheads.

The NFL said Seattle's last-second touchdown pass should not have counted because Seahawks receiver Golden Tate should have been called for offensive pass interference, ending the game with Green Bay winning.

Instead, officials ruled it a touchdown, and penalties either way are not reviewable.

That left it to whether Tate and Green Bay safety M.D. Jennings both had possession of the ball. The officials said they did, but the Packers insisted Jennings had clear possession for a game-ending interception. The NFL agreed that the replay was inconclusive, upholding the touchdown and giving Seattle the victory.

Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers, normally a soft-spoken player who didn't say much after the loss, lashed out on his radio show Tuesday.

"First of all, I've got to do something that the NFL is not going to do: I have to apologize to the fans," he said on ESPN 540-AM in Milwaukee.

Even President Barack Obama got in on the conversation Tuesday, tweeting: "NFL fans on both sides of the aisle hope the refs' lockout is settled soon."

The controversy began on the final play when Russell Wilson heaved a 24-yard pass into a scrum in the end zone with Seattle trailing 12-7. Tate shoved away a defender with both hands, and he and Jennings got their hands on the ball.

"It was pinned to my chest the whole time," Jennings said.

Instead, the officials ruled on the field that the two had simultaneous possession, which counts as a reception.

"The NFL Officiating Department reviewed the video today and supports the decision not to overturn the on-field ruling following the instant replay review," the league said in a statement.

Saying there was no indisputable evidence, though, is not the same as confirming the initial call was correct.

The Packers, one of sports' most storied franchises and Super Bowl champs two years ago, fell to 1-2. The Seahawks are 2-1.

Fans' fascination with the finish was evident in the number who stayed with ESPN to watch the highlights on "SportsCenter" after the game: 6.5 million viewers, the most for the full-length show since records started being kept in 1990.

On his weekly appearance on Seattle radio station 710 KIRO-AM, Seahawks coach Pete Carroll made no apologies Tuesday, saying, "The league backed it up and game over. We win."

"Golden makes an extraordinary effort. It's a great protection. It's a great throw. It's a great attempt at the ball and he wins the battle," he said. "They were right on the point looking right at it, standing right over the thing and they reviewed it. Whether they missed the push or not—obviously they missed the push in the battle for the ball—but that stuff goes on all the time."

But Rodgers, in a reference to referee Wayne Elliott not seeing indisputable evidence, said: "I mean, come on, Wayne. That's embarrassing."

NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith posted a statement to members saying the lockout "jeopardizes your health and safety."

"This decision to remove more than 1,500 years of collective experience has simply made the workplace less safe," he wrote, adding, "We are actively reviewing any and all possible actions to protect you."

The NFL locked out the officials in June after their contract expired. Unable to reach a new collective bargaining agreement, the league opened the season with replacements, most with experience only in lower levels of college football.

Coaches and players began griping about the officials in the preseason, but the tension seemed to boil over this past weekend.

Scuffles after the whistle were frequent with players appearing to test the limits of the new officials, and coaches were fined for berating them.

Las Vegas oddsmakers said \$300 million or more changed hands worldwide on Monday's call. The Glantz-Culver line for the game opened favoring the Packers by 4 1/2. Had the play been ruled an interception, Green Bay would have won by 5.

The call also found its way into Wisconsin politics, with Republican Gov. Scott Walker tweeting for the regular officials to return. Opponents noted that he seemed to be supporting the referees union after going after public employee unions last year, though Democratic state Sen. Jon Erpenbach added: "We're all fans, first and foremost."

Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy was stoic after the game, but Packers guard T.J. Lang vented on Twitter, using some expletives to say Green Bay was robbed by the refs. A day later, he said he regretted only his use of profanity.

"It was just heartbreaking to have a game taken from us like that," he told 97-FM The Ticket in Detroit. "We put way too much effort, and blood, sweat and tears into these games to have one absolutely stolen from us."

Obama: Disputed game means NFL needs regular referees

WASHINGTON (AP)—The embarrassing NFL referee saga and the disputed call that gave the Seattle Seahawks a victory over the Green Bay Packers on Monday night has reached the campaign for the White House, with President Barack Obama deeming it "terrible" and declaring it was time to get regular officiating crews back on the job.

"I've been saying for months we've got to get our refs back," Obama said as he returned to the White House from an appearance before the United Nations. In a tweet that went out under his initials, Obama said: "NFL fans on both sides of the aisle hope the refs' lockout is settled soon."

In a rare moment of agreement with Obama, presidential rival Mitt Romney and GOP running mate Paul Ryan, a Wisconsin native, also said it was time to bring back the "real refs." The NFL locked out the officials in June after their contract expired. The league has been using replacement officials, who have come under increasing criticism over the way they handled some games.

"I sure would like to see some experienced referees, with NFL experience, come back on to the NFL playing fields," Romney said in an interview with CNN.

Ryan added a partisan note, using the referee imbroglio to make a case for kicking the president out of office.

"It reminds me of President Obama and the economy," Ryan said in Cincinnati. "If you can't get it right, it's time to get out. I half think that these refs work part-time for the Obama administration in the budget office. ... They're trying to pick the winners and losers, and they don't even do that very well."

Seattle won 14-12 over Green Bay after referees ruled a Seattle receiver caught the

ball amid a pile of bodies in the end zone on the game's last play. The NFL conceded that a Seattle penalty in the course of the play went uncalled and cost the Packers the victory, but the league upheld the catch itself and the Seahawks' victory. Legions of football fans watched the play and the referees' call in disbelief, and buzzed about it all day Tuesday.

Typically, Obama, a diehard Chicago Bears enthusiast, is not one to wish the rival Green Bay Packers well.

But besides being an avid sports fan, Obama recently has redoubled efforts to win in the Packer's home state of Wisconsin. His campaign recently started airing ads in the state and Obama held a rally Saturday in Milwaukee, his first visit to the state since February.

White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters aboard Air Force One that Obama watched the Monday night game and "thinks there was a real problem with that call."

"He said that what happened in that game is why both sides need to come together, resolve their differences so that the regular refs can get back on the field so we can start focusing on a game that so many of us love rather than debating whether or not a game was won or lost because of a bad call," Carney said.

Obama said in a phone interview Tuesday with The Des Moines Register that he doesn't blame the replacement refs.

"They've been put in a tough situation," the president said. "But the fact is this is a fast, tough game to control. And it doesn't make sense to me for a league that's been so successful not to want to put their very best out there."

Union-buster Walker calls for return of union refs

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—Nothing brings political enemies together in Wisconsin like the Green Bay Packers.

Following a controversial game-ending call by replacement referees that cost Green Bay a win over the Seattle Seahawks on Monday Night Football, Wisconsin officials from across the political divide united behind the Packers.

Even Gov. Scott Walker and a Democratic state senator who were bitter opponents in the 2011 battle over Wisconsin public workers' collective bargaining rights found themselves on the same side Tuesday.

Walker, whose union-busting efforts have made him the darling of fiscal conservatives, posted a message on Twitter calling for the return of the NFL's locked-out unionized officials.

"After catching a few hours of sleep, the (hash)Packers game is still just as painful. (hash)Returntherealrefs," Walker tweeted early Tuesday.

Democratic state Sen. Jon Erpenbach, who was one of 14 Democrats who fled to Illinois for three weeks last year in opposition to Walker's law banning most public unions from nearly all collective bargaining, said he saw the irony in Walker's post but in Wisconsin "we're all fans, first and foremost."

"If you were born and raised in Wisconsin, you were raised on the Packers," said Erpenbach, who urged his Twitter followers to call NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell

to complain. "Every Sunday it's Packers and pancakes, not necessarily in that order."

On the final play of Monday night's game with Seattle trailing 12-7, Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson lofted a pass into a scrum of players in the back of the endzone. Seattle receiver Golden Tate pushed a Packers defender out of the way, wrestled another for the ball and was awarded a touchdown, leading the Seahawks to a 14-12 victory.

The Packers and politics have always been closely aligned in Wisconsin, where Republicans and Democrats alike have long tried to score points by tapping into the electorate's nearly universal affection for the NFL's only publicly owned team. So it's not surprising that Monday night's call against the Packers united some strange bedfellows.

Still, some hope the controversy might inspire a few people to cross the aisle when it comes to labor politics.

Democratic state Sen. Chris Larson, who also tweeted his anger over Monday night's game, said he thinks the NFL referees' labor dispute will change the minds of some people who previously were anti-union.

"People end up thinking you can get good work for cheap, you can always find a cheaper way and it's going to be just as good a result," Larson said. "I would hope that Scott Walker is just as outraged about decreased quality of teachers that we're going to get as he is with replacement refs in the NFL."

Braves back in playoffs with 4-3 win over Marlins



ATLANTA(AP)—Freddie Freeman hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning to put the Atlanta Braves back in the playoffs with a 4-3 victory over the Miami Marlins on Tuesday night.

Freeman's drive off Mike Dunn clinched at least an NL wild-card berth for the Braves, who squandered a big lead in the wild-card race with a huge collapse last September.

Longtime star Chipper Jones, who plans to retire at the end of the season, led off the ninth with a double. He moved to third on a wild pitch by Dunn (0-3) and scored when Freeman's 22nd homer easily cleared the center-field wall.

Craig Kimbrel (3-1) worked a scoreless inning to help the Braves win their 22nd straight game started by Kris Medlen. The streak is the longest in the majors since the New York Yankees won 22 consecutive games started by Whitey Ford in 1950 and '53.

Reds 4, Brewers 2

In Cincinnati, Johnny Cueto pitched seven solid innings, and the Cincinnati Reds stayed in the chase for the NL's top record by beating Milwaukee after learning they'll be without their manager for the rest of the week.

The Brewers dropped back-to-back games for the first time in more than a month, and fell to 4 1/2 games behind St. Louis for the final NL wild card spot as the Cardinals later beat Houston 4-0.

Reds manager Dusty Baker met players before the game and revealed he suffered a mini-stroke in addition to being treated for an irregular heartbeat last week. The 63-year-old manager hopes to return to the dugout next week.

The Brewers couldn't do much against Cueto (19-9), who is rounding back into form as the playoffs approach. Mike Fiers (9-9) gave up nine hits and four runs in 4 1-3 innings for Milwaukee.

Diamondbacks 7, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Paul Goldschmidt hit a three-run homer and a pair of sacrifice flies for a career-high five RBIs.

Goldschmidt on his own gave Josh Collmenter (5-3) plenty of support as Arizona won for the seventh time in its last nine games. The D-backs are trying to keep their slim NL wild-card hopes alive.

Aaron Hill had three hits and scored three runs, and Arizona scored two of its runs on wild pitches on a cool night featuring swirling mist above the field in the early innings.

Tim Lincecum (10-15) had his start pushed back two games from Sunday after San Francisco clinched its second division crown in three years.



Atlanta Braves' Freddie Freeman, center, is doused with champagne by Tommy Hanson, right, and others in the clubhouse after the Braves defeated the Miami Marlins 4-3 on Freeman's two-run home run in the ninth inning of a baseball game in Atlanta on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012.

with a win against San Diego on Saturday night.

The two-time NL Cy Young Award winner lost for the first time in five starts since Aug. 26 at Atlanta. He had won his previous two outings and three straight decisions.

Padres 2, Dodgers 1

In San Diego, Josh Beckett lost for the third time in six starts with Los Angeles, whose playoff chances were dealt a blow.

With eight games to play, the Dodgers are tied with Milwaukee, 4 1/2 games behind St. Louis for the NL's second wild-card spot. Milwaukee and the Los Angeles Dodgers also are ahead of the Phillies in the standings with eight games remaining.

The Nationals' magic number for winning the first division title in franchise history remained at five because Atlanta beat Miami 4-3. Their lead over the Braves dropped to four games with eight left.

Pirates 10, Mets 6

In New York, Pedro Alvarez hit his 30th homer and drove in four runs as Pittsburgh ended the Mets' four-game winning streak.

Pittsburgh avoided elimination in the playoff race, remaining mathematically in contention for the second NL wild-card spot. The Pirates posted their 76th victory, the team's most since 1999 when they won 78.

Alvarez hit a three-run shot that made it 4-0 in the first inning. He drew a bases-loaded walk in the fifth, helping the Pirates win for just the sixth time in 24 games. Garrett Jones hit his 25th homer and drove in three runs for the Pirates. Wandy Rodriguez (12-13) improved to 5-4 since being traded from Houston to Pittsburgh in late July.

David Wright homered and added a two-run single, tying the Mets' career record of 1,418 hits set by Ed Kranepool.

The Mets' Collin McHugh (0-3) was pulled soon after Josh Harrison's two-run triple in the second.

a career high in wins and help the five-time defending NL East champion Phillies keep their faint postseason hopes alive. Hamels allowed three runs and seven hits, tying his shortest outing of the year.

Philadelphia remained 5 1/2 games behind St. Louis for the NL's second wild-card spot. Milwaukee and the Los Angeles Dodgers also are ahead of the Phillies in the standings with eight games remaining.

The Dodgers, who played later in San Diego, began the day 3 1/2 back.

With seven games remaining,

St. Louis is closing in on the NL's final available postseason spot. Atlanta clinched at least a wild-card berth by beating Miami 4-3 earlier Tuesday night.

Rockies 10, Cubs 5, 6 1-2 innings, rain

In Denver, DJ LeMahieu had three hits and finished a home run short of the cycle and Wilin Rosario went deep for Colorado in a rain-shortened game.

Matt McBride homered and Chris Nelson had three hits for the Rockies, who won a matchup of two 94-loss teams. Carlos Torres (5-3) got the win after allowing one run in two innings of relief.

The teams played in a constant drizzle throughout the game with temperatures hovering in the low 50s. The game was delayed in the middle of the seventh and called 48 minutes later.

Dave Sappelt and Starlin Castro homered for the Cubs, who have lost seven of eight. Chicago is five losses shy of its first 100-loss season since 1966.

Tigers 2, Royals 0

In Detroit, Anibal Sanchez threw his first shutout in over a year, and Detroit moved into a tie for

first place in the AL Central with a victory over Kansas City.

Detroit pulled even with Chicago with eight games to play after the White Sox lost 4-3 to Cleveland earlier in the day.

Sanchez (4-6) retired the first 11 batters he faced and allowed only three hits. He struck out 10 and walked one.

He threw 105 pitches in his first shutout since Sept. 10, 2011, when he tossed a one-hitter for Florida at Pittsburgh.

Bruce Chen (11-13) gave up RBI singles by Prince Fielder and Delmon Young in the first inning.

Indians 4, White Sox 3

In Chicago, Chicago gave Detroit an opening to tie for the AL Central lead when Gordon Beckham hit into a game-ending forceout with the potential tying run on second base in the loss to last-place Cleveland.

The Tigers took it with a 2-0 victory over Kansas City.

Down 4-0, the White Sox closed when A.J. Pierzynski and Dayan Viciedo hit consecutive fifth-inning home runs off Corey Kluber (2-4) and then pulled within a run when Paul Konerko homered off Chris Perez leading off the ninth.

Perez walked two batters with two outs, and Beckham grounded to shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera, who threw to second baseman Jason Kipnis for the force.

Chicago (82-72) had held sole possession of the division lead since Sept. 3.

Twins 5, Yankees 4

In Minneapolis, Phil Hughes ran out of gas in the seventh inning and Boone Logan couldn't hold the lead for him as New York missed a chance to go up 2 1/2 games on Baltimore.

Hughes (16-13) was strong through six innings and the Yankees took a 3-1 lead. But he left with the bases loaded and two outs in the seventh, and Logan let one run score on a wild pitch before giving up a two-run double to Denard Span that put the Twins in front.

Joe Mauer followed with his third single of the game to cap the four-run seventh, and the Twins held on to keep the Orioles, who lost to Toronto earlier Tuesday, 10 games behind New York in the AL East.

Angels 5, Mariners 4

In Anaheim, Calif., Zack Greinke had a season-high 13 strikeouts in five innings, and Los Angeles got home runs from Torii Hunter and Erick Aybar to remain two games behind Oakland for the second AL wild card.

According to ESPN Stats, Greinke (6-2) became the first pitcher in the live-ball era (since 1920) to strike out 13 batters in a start that lasted only five innings. Randy Johnson had 13 through his first five frames on July 4, 2001, for Arizona against Houston, but he threw one more inning.

The 20 combined strikeouts by Angels pitchers tied a major league record for a nine-inning game.

Justin Smoak homered twice for the Mariners, a solo shot in the fourth against Greinke and a two-run drive off Scott Downs during a three-run seventh that sliced the Angels' lead to 5-4.

The Orioles had won seven of their previous nine. They had not been shut out since Aug. 3.

Rays 5, Red Sox 2

In Boston, David Price struck out a season-high 13 and Jeff Keppinger hit a three-run homer as Tampa Bay extending its winning streak to six games and kept its playoff hopes alive.

Tampa Bay entered the day three games behind Oakland for the AL's second wild-card spot.

The Rays got to Boston starter Clay Buchholz (11-7) quickly on Keppinger's three-run homer in the second and Price (19-5) was able to preserve the lead despite balking with a runner on third to pull Boston within 3-2.

Price pitched his second complete game of the season, scattering seven hits and walking none. He tied his career high with his 19th win and is scheduled for one more chance to reach 20 for the first time in his career.

Athletics 3, Rangers 2, 10 innings

In Arlington, Texas, George Kottaras hit a leadoff homer in the 10th inning and Oakland moved within four games of the AL West lead by beating first-place Texas.

The A's began the day two games ahead of Los Angeles for the second AL wild-card spot. The Angels played later against Seattle.

Texas' magic number remained at five for clinching its third straight division crown.

Scheduled starter Yu Darvish was scratched by the Rangers about 2 1/2 hours before the first pitch because of a stiff neck. Scott Feldman took his place and allowed two runs and four hits in four-plus innings. Three relievers combined to allow one hit in five scoreless innings before Lowe gave up the decisive run.

Blue Jays 4, Orioles 0

In Baltimore, Aaron Laffey and five relievers combined on a six-hitter as Toronto beat Baltimore for the second straight game.

Laffey (4-6) allowed five singles in 5 2-3 innings and won his first game since Aug. 5. He had been winless in his previous six starts. He neither walked nor struck out a batter.

Baltimore began the day 1 1-2 games behind first-place New York in the AL East. The Yankees played at Minnesota in a game that started later.

Brabu/Ashley's start streak

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After a roller-coaster ride in its first three games, Brabu Pharmacy/Ashley's finally notched consecutive wins in the 2012 Emon Lodge 179 Basketball League-Docomo Brotherhood Cup after downing Armtech, 83-73, last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Brabu/Ashley's second

straight win improved its record to 3-2, good for solo third place in the team standings, while Armatech dropped to a disappointing 0-4 slate.

Good player rotation allowed Brabu/Ashley's to dominate Armatech, which in contrast found it hard to get an effective combination on the floor. Though Armatech's top gun Elmer Esdrelon scored 25 points, he could not get his game in sync with the rest of his teammates and the absence of big men Bruce Berline and Jahn Joyner also hurt the team badly.

Brabu/Ashley's had no problems with its starters and it even got a lift from its second stringers. Elgene Mangali, Brandon Talania, Bernard Aquino, and Marlon De Dios, who led the squad's starting five combined for 54 points, while Rolly Paraiso and Manolo Manalo came off the bench and drilled 11 and 9, respectively.

Mangali sizzled early, firing 11 points to lift Brabu/Ashley's to a 24-10 advantage. Armatech made little headway in the second period behind Esdrelon and sliced the deficit to 2 at the

break, 34-36, however Mangali and company played beautiful music together in the second half for their 10-point victory.

Armatach was still in the game down by 3 after Ferdie Tobias hit a triple, 68-71, with still over four minutes left when Mangali, De Dios, Talania, and Paraiso made rally halting baskets to deny their foe's the elusive first win.

Hoopaholics 90, Servitek 46

In the first game, Hoopaholics/Oceanside Bar had a walk in the park against hapless Servitek.

Kelvin Fitial threw the early punches for the Hoops, posting

10 points to give the team a 22-12 edge. The Hoops went on to pad the lead in the last three quarters. Servitek had its worst game in the third, making only 4 points to face a huge 26-66 deficit.

Trevor Ogumoro paced the Hoops with his 20 points, while Fitial finished with 12. The Hoopaholics are ranked second in the nine-team field behind unbeaten Pacific Islands Club (4-0) and Mobil (4-0), while Servitek is at the bottom of the standings with a dismal 0-5 slate.

First Game

Hoopaholics/Oceanside Bar

90 – Ogumoro 20, Fitial 18, Camacho 12, Lisua 9, Babauta 8, Mendez 8, Tenorio 6.

Servitek 46 – Cruz 14, Alejandro 9, Detera 8, Morales 5, Jacob 4, Jose 4, Brennan 4.

Scoring by quarters: 22-12, 41-24, 66-26, 90-46.

Second Game

Brabu/Ashley's 83 – Mangali 21, Talania 15, Paraiso 11, De Dios 9, Aquino 9, Manalo 8, Norita 2, Inos 2.

Armatach 73 – Esdrelon 25, Ja. Ano 10, Trajano 9, Je. Ano 6, Montano 6, Gabaldon 6, Tobias 3.

Scoring by quarters: 24-10, 36-32, 60-56.

ADVANCE

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The trio advanced through Friday's elimination pools and arose victorious in the finals on Saturday along with the three other category winners.

They will compete for a chance to advance to the Flow Tour World Championships in Utah if they make it through the next phase of the competition, which is being held in the Wave House in Sentosa, Singapore next Thursday.

The threesome also received cash prizes and \$500 worth of Delta travel miles.

Westphal topped 10 other

male Flowriders, while Suzuki clinched his second consecutive bodyboard title.

Female Flowrider champ Jang beat out runner-up Kaoru Nishimura, of Japan, and Korea's Miji Park.

The Top 3 adult place finishers of all categories were presented with trophies and some gear provided by Docomo Pacific. Westphal also enjoyed a \$400 cash prize and the other expert champs received \$350.

Ray Babauta got honorable mention for finishing runner-up in both expert fields and walked away with \$400 cash and a pair of G-Shock wrist watches.

In addition, Babauta and Westphal also won Monster

Trick honors and each received a case of Monster energy drinks, Docomo cell phones, and a trip to Tinian.

The local bets went big in the finals as Babauta was the only rider to go airborne with his bodyboard and land a full somersault from his knees, while Westphal showcased some serious ollie skills. Baubauta's prize package also included some Hollywood Theaters movie passes and Westphal a gift certificate from Da 670 Shop.

Expert Bodyboarder Yuki Yamamoto, of Japan, settled for third place honors, as did expert flowrider Mike Gladkov of Russia; 2011 flowrider finalist Yeon

Park of Korea, was thwarted from an appearance in the podium this time around.

Yamamoto and Gladkov received \$100 cash, a gift certificate from Thai Massage, and a pair of Kreed sunglasses.

Nishiyama won \$200 cash, a Baby G-Shock watch, and a Roxy bag, while Park received \$100, a Thai Massage coupon, and a Sarong tote bag.

Korean bodyboarder, Rain, was deemed the male open division champ over 15 others and Mi Joo, also of Korea, defended her 2011 title over and open women's field of seven; both winners won a four-day and three-night stay at PIC and some Quicksilver gear.

Japan's Sieta Mineyuki finished second behind Rain and won a Cartel board and knit bag, while Gladkov swiped third place and received a Nintendo-DS and some Quicksilver gear.

Japan's Yukiko Makisaka enjoyed the same spoils as Mineyuki for her second place female open bodyboard finish, and Nishimura rounded out the third spot and received a Nintendo-DS and Quicksilver gear.

Notably, the kids (ages 12 to 17) age division was not featured in the event as previously reported, but fortunately a trio of Grommets (ages 11 and under) turned out for the show and the finalists battled it

out for three 1-minute rounds on Saturday. In the end, Ryuu Min Kyu, of Korea, won over his little brother Ryuu Jin Woo and third place finisher Amami Nakamura of Japan.

Min Kyu won a brand new Nintendo DS, while the latter pair went home with Quicksilver gear packages.

Along with Delta, PIC would like to thank Pacific Trading Co. (Monster/Gatorade), Quicksilver, Boarderline, Docomo Pacific, Da 670 Shop, Hollywood Theaters, D&Q International Distributors, Japan Flow Rider Association, Triple J Wholesalers, and Thai Massage for making the event possible.

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Reds 5, Rockies 3

Reds leadoff man Lancaster Sec-harmidal broke the ice with just a single and a couple of stolen bases before being driven to the dish by Kainao Wanket, as the team wasted no time hitting the board in the first inning.

The Rockies came close to

tying it up in the bottom portion, and bit down to square it away, 1-1, in the bottom of the second inning.

Brett Halstead reached on a fielder's choice and was later doubled home by Kenta Castro.

Then Rockies stuffed the Reds with a man in scoring position to close the top of the third inning and the top of its lineup moved the group in front, 2-1.

Russell Hocog led off with a

base hit and Ricardo Dela Cruz brought him home with a single after a bungled fielder's choice.

Reds' Peter Lieto caught them sleeping in the top of the fourth inning and snuck around the path to briefly lock it at 2-2, but the Rockies' Castro and Davie Matagolai hooked up with a pair of timely base smashes in the bottom half to regain the edge, 3-2.

Reds' Secharmidal was the

second pitcher that took the ball in the fourth to get out of the pickle and more than succeeded.

The tricky dealer put a lid on the Rockies through the last 10 outs of the match and kept the thought of a win in sight.

His teammates responded right away and reclaimed the lead, 4-3.

Davin Ada led off with a single and stole second base before scoring off a sacrifice fly by Ian Rogolifoi. Ada was then moved

to third by Secharmidal.

Lieto then came next and knocked in Wanket.

Both teams held it down on the field through the sixth inning and the Reds' Rogolifoi added an insurance run in the top of the seventh with a double that wheeled around Wanket, who this time drew a leadoff walk.

Rogolifoi almost scored, but ended up caught in a messy run down at the plate, but the Reds

hung tough on defense in the final stand, especially Guerrero who snagged a full-layout diving catch in the left-centerfield gap.

Reds' Lieto batted 3-for-4 with an RBI, a run, and a stolen base. Wanket went 1-for-2 with an RBI and two runs to go with two RBIs by Rogolifoi.

Rockies' Castro swung 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run. Hocog (run) and Dela Cruz (RBI) both batted 2-for-4.

HI-5

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the teams in the age group.

Hi-5 held the Kagman duo of Jason Lampkin and Jesse Santos to 9 points in the opening canto as six HI-5 players chipped in to open a 16-13 lead.

HI-5's Manny Aldan dropped in a 3-pointer that went with 6 points from Don Hockett as the group pressed on, 31-24, at halftime.

The team held Kagman's Big 2 to just 7 points in the second

quarter and this time did not run out of gas in the second half.

Kagman's Jonathan Santos took the reins and wielded his way to the hoop for 10 points in the third period, but HI-5 relatively kept pace with him and maintained a two-possession edge, 47-52, heading into the final 10 minutes of regulation.

Hi-5 continued to share the ball well through three quarters as six different players again put a hand in on the action just after intermission.

Crunch time started out close,

but HI-5 did a good job protecting the ball late in the game and its full court press gamble with the lead paid off.

Richard Hofschneider and Rey Calbatista controlled the pace of the match and cashed in 6 points apiece in the process to secure the win.

Hi-5' Calbatista and Hockett led two other teammates in double figures with 12 points each, while Kagman's Jonathan Santos carried Kagman on the short end with 18.

Last Monday, Irvyn Malonzo

scored 14 points and Mike Espinosa added 12 to lead RBC Rollers 2 to a 56-31 rout of sister team Agape Torchbearers in the U20 division.

In related news, the Ada Gym scoreboard was vandalized recently and has been out of commission since the second week of the season, but league organizers are in the process of finding a way to get it fixed in the coming days.

They plan on alleviating the situation independently even though the matter is technically

supposed to be addressed by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Division of Sports and Recreation.

According to league coordinator Abner Venus someone had cut the wiring and by the looks of it, Venus indicated that the power line was perhaps damaged on purpose.

TUESDAY

Hi-5 67 – Calbatista 12, Hockett 12, Hofschneider 10, Feria 10, Villanueva 8, Cristobal 6, Macahito 4, Cruz 2.

Kagman 51 – Jo. Santos 18, Lampkin 13, Je Santos 12, Malwelbug 6, Soriano 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-13, 31-24, 47-42, 67-51.

MONDAY

RBC Rollers 2 56 – Malonzo 14, Espinosa 12, Kwon 9, Morales 7, Floresca 6, Ano 6, Vivero 2.

RBC Agape Torchbearers 31 – Yu 20, Lin 4, Ren 4, Li 2, Ai 1.

Scoring by quarters: 19-0, 33-18, 40-25, 56-31.

BANMI

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grams are being used by over 150 FIBA-member countries and the CNMI last used them during the 2009 Oceania Basketball Tournament.

"The CNMI has to catch up with the rest of the world. BANMI can use the FIBA Organizer and its website to get together all the stakeholders in basketball," Smith said.

All data BANMI will input

using the FIBA Organizer can be linked in the association's website and members of the basketball community with internet connection will be aware on what's going on in CNMI basketball.

"You can also put information about other leagues and when they see their story in the website and the stats about their game, they will feel they belong to your group," the FIBA Oceania official added.

As for the FIBA Live Stats, it is beneficial to coaches too, as it

gives them pointers on how the game goes and the players' performance.

"FIBA Live Stats shows which spot a player makes/misses his shots. So when the coach reviews the copy of the Live Stats, he could tell the shooting percentage of his player and in which area the player is likely to make the baskets," Smith said.

"The same thing goes with teaching players the basic of the sport, like dribbling. If the FIBA Live Stats shows the player is committing errors while drib-

bling toward his left side, a coach teach him to improve his dribbling skills in that area. When teaching kids, a visual instruction is better than verbal," she added.

Venus said he will talk with the BANMI board to discuss plans on teaching the FIBA Live Stats to interested individuals.

CNMI misses MBT

Smith stayed on Saipan only for one day, as she flew back to Guam last night to continue handling the 2012 Micronesian Bas-

ketball Tournament (Open).

The CNMI missed the event that kicked off last Sunday due to scheduling problem. The Commonwealth hosted the U17 division of the MBT in May this year, had little preparation for the open division, and were initially told that the Guam will host the MBT in November.

"There was miscommunication between BANMI and the organizer and we did not have enough time to prepare, plus school just started and our

players can't afford to take one week off at the early part of the semester," BANMI vice president Elias Rangamar said in a telephone interview with the *Saipan Tribune*.

Palau, the Marshall Islands, Chuuk, and Pohnpei are battling the host for the MBT crown. However, according to Rangamar, Chuuk and Pohnpei are represented by players who are based in Guam, so only Palau and the Marshall Islands really sent their national teams in the tournament.



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Saipan's Dan Westphal and the Japanese duo of Yu Suzuki and Ellie Jang advanced to the next round of the Asia Flow Tour's 2012 International Championship after winning the Pacific Islands Club and Delta Air Lines' 6th Point Break Flowrider/Bodyboarding Championship expert flowrider and bodyboarding categories last weekend.

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Reds bounce back against Rockies

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The Reds bounced back from a tough loss to the Orioles last Saturday with a 5-3 victory over the Rockies in Monday's Saipan Major League-Division of Youth Services 18U Youth Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Rockies are in need of a win after having dropped its



last two games and will get two opportunities tonight as the Dodgers step on the Tan Ko field to finish up the pair's recent rain-out game from Saturday night before playing their scheduled matchup, originally set to start at 6pm.

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
Reds' Ian Rogolifoi follows through on a big swing against the Rockies in their SML/DYS 18U Triple A Youth Baseball League matchup last Monday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Hi-5 overwhelms Kagman in U20, 67-51

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Hi-5 rumbled past Kagman, 67-51, to even its win-loss card in Tuesday's Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League U20 division matchup at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Kagman remains hungry for an upswing after stumbling out of the gate with two losses, but will have to wait until Wednesday to get its chance for a taste of victory.

Meanwhile, Mariana Resort Proa (3-0) and the Sonics (2-0) duked it out last night and details will be released on Friday.

Tonight's scheduled pairing features the Chalan Kanao Saints (1-1) and LD Prime (1-2) taking the floor at the Ada Gym at 5:30pm.



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
Hi-5's Reynald Calbatica converts a fast break layup late against Kagman in their Rotary U20 division match last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Rollers Basketball Club's Rollers 2 (3-0) and Rollers 1 (1-1), Oleai Ol'Aces (0-2), and RBC's Agape Torchbearers (0-3) make up the rest of See HI-5 on Page 23

BANMI gets FIBA Organizer, Live Stats lesson

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FIBA Oceania zone special projects and administration manager Judy Smith visited Saipan yesterday and conducted a one-day tutorial session on FIBA Organizer and Live Stats.

Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands' Abner Venus, who attended the session with his son Mark and Rex Yabut, said BANMI requested Smith to

teach them do's and don'ts of the two programs so the association can also use them here.

FIBA Organizer, according to FIBA Oceania's website, is a comprehensive membership and competition management program that can be used by administrators to run leagues and tournaments. It helps an organization create schedules of games, detailed statistics, and other related information about the competition. FIBA Live Stats on the other hand is a program that shows the play-by-play account of a game. Both pro-

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FIBA Oceania zone special projects and administration manager Judy Smith, seated center, poses with Abner Venus, standing, Mark Venus, left, and Rex Yabut, after conducting a FIBA Organizer and Live Stats tutorial yesterday in Susupe.

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